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The Annual General Meeting of the Association will take place on Friday, March 24, 1939, at 5.30 p.m. at Room 51, 17 The Bund (5th Floor).

By Order of the Committee,
A. PULLEN, *Hon. Secretary.*

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members are hereby informed that the Annual General Meeting will be held at the Club on Tuesday, April 4, 1939 at 6 p.m.

By Order of the Committee,
ALAN WHEEN,
Secretary.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY

March 17, 1939

The celebration will commence by the laying of a wreath at the Cenotaph by the President at 8.30 a.m. after which the party will proceed to Bubbling Well Cemetery and lay a wreath on the graves of five men of the Royal Ulster Rifles who were killed during hostilities at Shanghai in October 1937. Through the courtesy of Colonel E. L. L. Acton, M.C. British Military Forces will participate in both ceremonies. All Irishmen and their families are urged to attend.

The Society's Ball will be held for members and their guests in the Cercle Sportif Francais at 9.30 p.m.

A. J. H. CAREY,
Hon. Secretary.

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16 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
16 B.W.A. Musical and Dramatic Section Concert and Tea, 4.30
16 Catholic Federation Annual General Meeting, 6
16 For. Y. Debate: 'Sword Mightier Than Pen,' 9
16 Yunnan earthquake (1925)
16 Nazi flag hoisted, Shanghai German Consulate-General (1933)

Coming Events

MARCH

17 Y.W.C.A. Musical Tea, 5
17 St. Patrick's Ball, C.S.F., 9.30
18 Shanghai Players in Monteverde's 'Orpheus,' special matinee, Lyceum, 5
18 Shanghai United Hockey Club Annual Ball, Foreign Y.M.C.A., 8
18 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30
18 'Coq d'Or,' Ballet Russe, Lyceum, 9
19 'Coq d'Or,' Ballet Russe, Lyc., 2.15
19 'Coq d'Or,' Ballet Russe, Lyceum, 9
19 Municipal Orchestra Symphony Concert, Lyceum, 5.15
20 Grand Sacred Concert, Community Ch., 9
21 International (Y.W.C.A.) Business Girls' Dinner, A.W.C., 6.30
21 Vladimir Havsky in a Piano Concert at the Lyceum, 9
21 For. Y. Lecture: 'Social Responsibility of the Engineer,' 9
22 S.S.P.C.A. Bridge/Mahjongg, AWC, 3
22 Theosophical Society, 75 Jessfield Road, Public Lecture, 6
22 German A.D.C. 'Parkstrasze 13,' Lyceum, 9
22 1st Annual Dinner Dance, Missouri Society of China, Farren's Nursery
23 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
23 Western (Extra-Settlement) Association ann. gen. meeting, 27 The Bund, 5
23 Royal Asiatic Society Lecture
23 V. Valin's gala performance, 'Blue Mazurka,' L. Opera by F. Lehar, Lyc., 8.45
23 B.U.S.C. Lecture by Dr. Blakelock on 'Immunity' at 114 Peking Road, at 6
23 For. Y. Debate: 'Social Service vs Faith,' 9
24 'A' Coy., S.V.C., Annual Dance, C.S.F
25 'Blue Mazurka,' L. Opera, Lyc., 8.45
25 'The 12 Jolly Ones,' songs, dance and humour, American Women's Club, 3
26 'Blue Mazurka,' L. Opera, Lyc., 8.45
27 Engineering Society Meeting, 8.45
28 A.W.C. bridge and mahjongg, 3
29 K.D.S. Ann. mtg. at 158 Edinburgh Rd., Tea 4.30, Business 5.30
29 Union Ch. ann. mtg. and supper, 7.30
30 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
30 For. Y. Debate: 'Machine Enslaves Mankind,' 9
31 S'hai R.U.F.C. Dance, Country Club.
31 Ex-Gunners' Dinner, Cockpit
31 Shanghai Camera Club, Meeting and Lecture, 330 Szechuen Road, 9

APRIL

1 Reel Club End of Season Dance
1 21st Anniv. Formation R.A.F. and R.A.F.A. Reunion. Dinner, 'The Dome'
1 Oxford & Cambridge Society Dinner
5 Cathedral School Old Boys' Assn. Annual Dinner, Air Defence Club
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The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from March 20 to March 27, 1939, both days inclusive.

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Unhappy Incident:

Indian Merchants in Cafe

To the Editor of the
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SIR,—May I, through the medium of your journal, voice my opinion on a very unpleasant incident which befell myself and a few respectable Indian friends of mine at a local dance hall on Sunday evening?

Accompanied by two of my Indian friends, who were respectable transient Indian merchants from Singapore, we went to the Ciro Dance Hall shortly after 11 p.m. At the entrance to the dance hall we were met by the foreign floor manager, who conducted us to a table. As none of our party was inclined to dance we just sat and ordered some liquid refreshments. Shortly after, a Chinese, apparently an executive of the establishment, came up to one of my friends and told him that some one wished to see him outside. He was met by some other Chinese who told him that they do not permit guests to just sit around the dance hall if they do not dance and that if he wants to drink, he must use the bar in another part of the floor. At this juncture, my other friend and myself saw what was happening and we demanded to know when such a regulation has come into force in a public dancing hall. We were then told that the management deemed it necessary to ask us to leave because my Indian friends wore turbans! Asked why they should object to turbans one member of the staff insultingly said that all guests must remove their headgear in his cabaret! In order not to create a scene, we quietly departed, but before we left the foreign floor manager came up and apologized and told us that though he realized our predicament and the uncalled-for insult, he was powerless to intervene on account of his status in that establishment.

Needless to add I was greatly upset by this incident, more so when these friends were very good customers of mine who had specially journeyed to Shanghai from Singapore to purchase goods from me. As this was their first visit to Shanghai, I was anxious that they should have a good time and decided to show them a little of our night life in order to give them a good impression of Shanghai. However, not only was the impression bad, but it was most insulting. I have been a resident here for a good many years and have never had or as yet heard of such an experience at any of the night clubs. Had my friends created a nuisance or had gone dressed in their native costumes, such treatment would have been forgivable, but they were respectfully and immaculately dressed in foreign attire with the exception of their turbans which, as most foreigners and Chinese know, cannot be removed for religious reasons.

I had always understood that this great metropolis has no colour or religious distinctions at any public place, and I am particularly desirous of bringing the above episode to the notice of the Ciro management as well as any other Chinese public places of amusement that such treatment would not only be detrimental to them but especially to the existing friendship and sympathy which India has accorded to China.

MORTIFIED.

Shanghai, Mar. 14.

Hungjao Battle:

Reinstated Post the Cause

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—As a resident of Hungjao residing in the vicinity of the reported four-hour battle, (firing only lasted about 30 minutes), I would suggest that it is not in the best interests of residents in Hungjao to give publicity to wild statements for which there is no corroboration.

At the time the post at the corner of Hungjao and Rubicon Road was established some months ago, I was one of the chief sufferers owing to the proximity of this post to my house. After this tragedy the post was withdrawn. I am now told that the post has been re-established at the request of persons using the Golf Club, and persons residing a great distance from the post. Perhaps those who requested the return of the post, do not feel quite so safe after last Sunday's effort on the part of the guerillas, my own experience is "no soldiers, no guerillas."

Whilst on the question of publicity I read with astonishment the suggestion of the withdrawal of American troops from Shanghai, most of my American friends will be disgusted with the sentiments shown, and would I feel sure be very glad of editorial censorship on articles of such a nature, which can only do harm to the cause of foreigners resident in Shanghai.

KUNCHI.

Shanghai, Mar. 15.

***With regard to the last paragraph of the above letter it is of the utmost importance that the American community should be advised of the movement commenced by two United States Senators in favour of the withdrawal of American forces from China. It does at least give it an opportunity to protest which it would not have if it were in ignorance of what was going on.—ED.

Those Medals Once Again:

Wrong Idea of "B" Battalion

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—ONE OF THEM, in his letter of March 13, was instrumental in once again fanning the wrong impression that "B" Battalion is an American group; "B" Battalion is composed of a Headquarters Wing (personnel of which are all Americans and only occasionally a Portuguese volunteer is posted to same and then only temporarily) and the following units:—American Coy., Portuguese Coy., Philippine Coy., American Reserve Coy. (*non est*) and American Machine Gun Coy.; the inclusion of the Portuguese Coy. precludes this Battalion from being an all-American group and the use of the title of American "B" in lieu of the correct title of "B" Battalion is erroneous, misleading and unfair, if not irksome, to the personnel of the Portuguese Coy., who, however, do co-operate with the other units of this Battalion whenever on active service.

With regard to the distribution of the S.M.C. 1937 Emergency Medal, personnel of the Portuguese Coy. were presented with same at a parade and garden party on August 25 1938 (Mesquita Day).

One can sympathize with ONE OF THEM for having to wait for his medal and for not being informed of the reason for the delay and it is gratifying to note that his letter has had the effect of breaking the "contemptuous silence," as personnel of the American Coy. have been notified today to call on the Commanding Officer of that unit and receive the medals individually; strangely enough, the same Commanding Officer is "on leave" from March 7 to April 15 and probably the medals have been locked up until his return to duty, so that ONE OF THEM will have to wait a little while longer!

PAKHOI.

Shanghai, Mar. 14.

Icylight:

Practical Solution Welcomed

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—MR. HORSEY-MAN's reply to myself—through your columns under date of March 13 is noted in your issue of this morning—and meanwhile, I have been guided that such writer is Mr. Hugh Middleton.

This good gentleman is prepared to offer to all race-pony owners a practical solution surrounding a difficulty which they will certainly welcome with pleasure, but unfortunately I am frankly unable to realize how our racing-owners can control this difficulty which is so far out of their most willing reach.

I believe that the best ways and means of establishing a remedy is through the kindly assistance of that worthy Institution, the Shanghai Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of which I believe Mr. Hugh Middleton is a member of the committee—and in this respect I herewith enclose you a cheque for $100 in favour of this respected society, in the hopes that it will assist towards the practical solution so kindly suggested by Mr. Hugh Middleton.

ERIC MOLLER, SENIOR.

Shanghai, Mar. 14.

The Milk Fund:

Results up to Date

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—The following figures give a resume of the activities of the "I.C." Milk Fund to date:—

Donations received since February 22 (including a single donation of $250 from the China National Christian Council)	$1,166.90
Payments for Milk	710.00
Balance in hand	$ 456.90

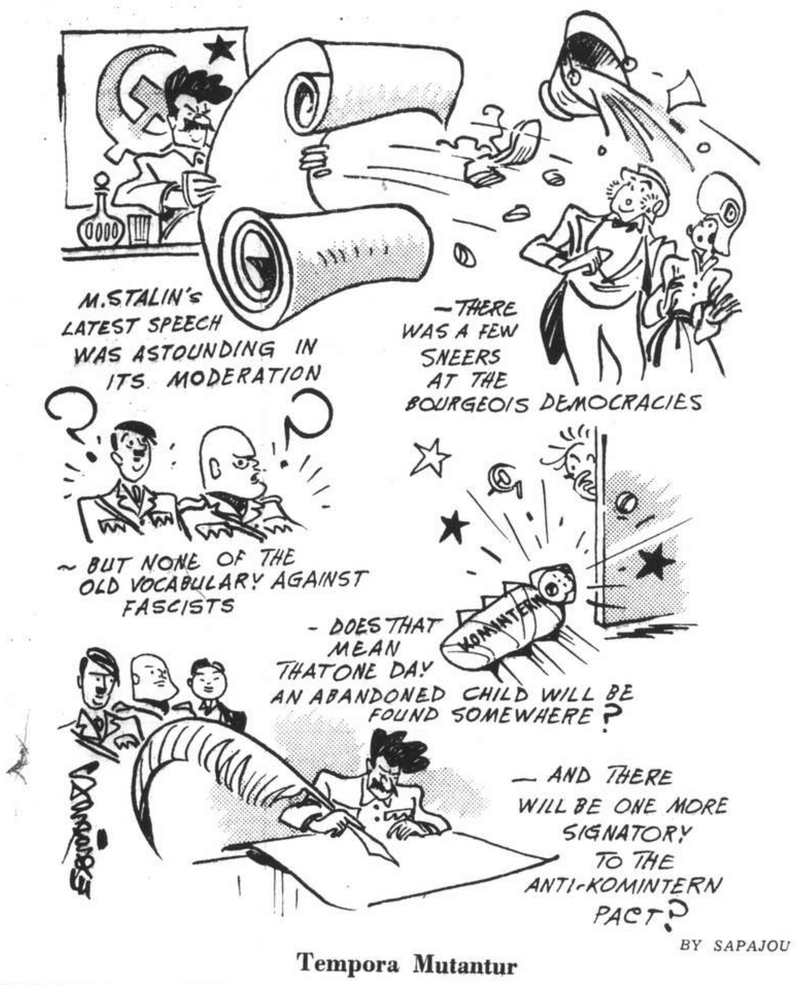
Milk is being supplied to 105 children, to about 25 patients in the Hospital at Whashing Road and Embankment Building and to two expectant mothers.

May I thank all those who have so generously come forward so far in support of this cause and beg for further substantial assitance so that this very important activity in connection with Emigrants' Relief and assistance may be continued and, if possible, extended.

I make a special appeal to the children of Shanghai to sacrifice, now and again, a little of their pocket money or movie-allowance and to give this to other and much less fortunate children to whom a bottle of milk represents a great boon in the way of nourishment.

PAUL KOMOR.

Shanghai, Mar. 15.



Tempora Mutantur

Broadcasting:

Local Station Interference

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—The service and singing broadcasted over Station XMHD every night from 8 to 9 o'clock is certainly appreciated by many listeners, but recently a Chinese theatrical group butts in about this hour and spoils the service and singing and makes it difficult to hear. I wonder if other listeners experience the same difficulty? And is there any way of combating this nuisance? Perhaps you or some of you readers could enlighten me?

J. C.

Shanghai, Mar. 15.

Boys for S.M.C.:

Chance to Become Detectives

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—One feels heartened to read in the Gazette of the number of local boys being engaged for Municipal activity.

Boys of the requisite age and stature should make a bid for the Police Force, where if sufficient energy, courage and ingenuity are shown, one can earn a transfer to the detective branch and thus realize a boyhood dream.

J. C. DE B.

Shanghai, Mar. 15.

Hongkong Foot:

Alcohol a Preventive

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Other correspondents have dealt with cures for Hongkong Foot. I have found that rubbing my feet all over with spirits of wine or cheap Eau-de-Cologne daily, winter and summer, immediately after bathing, has kept me completely free of this scourge for the past ten years, although previously I was frequently subjected to attacks.

S.

Shanghai, Mar. 15.

Damages for Liner Passenger

Lord Hewart, the Lord Chief Justice, delivered a considered judgment, in the King's Bench Division yesterday, confirming a special jury's award of £6,000 to Mr. Reginald Alexander Beaumont Thomas, 35, of Little Bushey-lane, Bushey Heath, Herts, against Blue Star Line Ltd.

Mr. Beaumont Thomas, who is 6ft 7in. tall, fractured his right leg when he slipped and fell in a corridor on board the liner Arandora Star during a cruise. He became permanently crippled.

He contended that the corridor was being washed in such a way that amounted to negligence. This was denied, and it was argued that the shipowners were protected by a condition on the cruise ticket, stipulating that they would not be liable for any negligence in the vessel's management.

Lord Hewart, who entered judgment for Mr. Beaumont Thomas with costs, granted a stay of execution in view of a possible appeal.

Mother Sacrifices Ear For Baby Son

Miracle of Surgery Comes To Aid of Injured Boy

By sacrificing her ear, 27 years-old Mrs. Herbert Pannett, of Ripley Street, Leeds, has been able to ensure that, by a miracle of surgery, her two-years-old son, Barry, will be able to go through life undisfigured.

Her left ear has been grafted to the head of her son after Barry lost his in a road accident. Today Mrs. Pannett learned that after two further operations her son will have an almost perfect ear. She stated that her fair, bobbed hair will prevent anyone from noticing her loss.

"The surgeons at Leeds Infirmary asked me if I would be willing to give an ear for the operation," said Mrs. Pannett. "I replied immediately that I would—but they told me to go home and think it over.

"I knew before I had really considered it again that I would be willing."

Seventy Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS" OF MARCH 16, 1869

The French gunboat Flamme reports having struck on an unknown rock on her passage down from Chefoo. Her soundings when she touched, were as follows:—forWard 5 feet, port quarter 50 feet, starboard quarter 43 feet. The bearings of the rock are:—the middle of Alceste Island, N. 40 W.; and the North point of Shantung promontory W. The accident happened about 6.30 p.m., March 10.

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Number of Bonds in Force	Special Reimbursement	Total Amount of Reimbursements
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Reimbursements			Drawn by Bond Nos.	Total
1	Special Reimbursement	of $26,974	32971	$ 26,974
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26	Fourth ,,	of $ 100 each	1910 3952 3827 4411 4443 5068 6780 7102 8556 11383 11887 12111 13992 17121 19938 30255 34250 35575 39640 45480 45917 46121 47199 47541 52359 53734	$ 2,600
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1	,, ,,	of $ 195	41194	$ 195
1	,, ,,	of $ 97	23489	$ 97
5,395	Terminal ,,	of $ 12 each	Terminating with No. "3"	$ 64,740
5,504	Reimbursements Totalling			$161,847

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Current Films

NANKING. — "Boys Town." — Human events and actual happenings, in a town entirely populated by boys! Besides portraying the realization of a great and good man's dream, these action-crammed reels bring you the greatest emotional thrill of the year. With Spencer Tracy, Mickey Rooney, Henry Hull, Leslie Fenton, Gene Reynolds and Edward Norris. Opens today.

GRAND.—"Charlie Chan in Honolulu."—Mystery murder, melodrama, comedy, suspence, surprise and excitement in generous doses make this the best Charlie Chan film to date. And then there is the flawless performance of Sidney Toler in the title role. With Sidney Toler, Phyllis Brooks, Sen Yung, Eddie Collins, John King and Claire Dodd. Opens today.

CATHAY.—"Return of the Scarlet Pimpernel."—Back again in France after the daring escapade narrated in the original "Scarlet Pimpernel," Sir Percy Blakeney once more crosses swords with the infamous Chauveln who has kidnapped Lady Blakeney and had her sentenced to the guillotine. With Barry K. Barnes, Sophie Stewart, Margaretta Scott and James Mason. Reviewed elsewhere.

METROPOL.—"Empress Wu Chieh-tien."—Lavish and spectacular presentation of a thrilling episode in ancient Chinese history. Directed by the man who made "Sable Cicada," which is even now enjoying a New York run. "Empress Wu" is the highwater mark of Chinese film production. Mandarin dialect, but with English subtitles. Reviewed elsewhere.

GOLDEN GATE.—"Bluebeard's Eighth Wife"—A gay story of what happens when a romantic young French girl discovers that her husband-to-be has tossed aside seven previous spouses. With Claudette Colbert, Gary Cooper and David Niven.

PARIS. — "Four's a Crowd." — Errol Flynn, Patric Knowles, Olivia de Havilland and Rosalind Russell.

RIALTO.—"Straight, Place and Show."—The Ritz Brothers run riot today.

CAPITOL.—"Stolen Heaven."—A melodrama of sensational jewel thieves and their unusual hideouts. With Gene Raymond, Olympe Bradna and Lewis Stone.

UPTOWN.—"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs."—Walt Disney first feature length production in glorious multiplane technicolour.

Films Coming

"Gunga Din."—Three daredevil British sergeants find that their thirst for adventure has led them into the clutches of the murderous sect of the Thugs on India's turbulent North-west frontier. In the ensuing fight, the entire British force is saved from annihilation by the dauntless courage of the "regimental *bhisti*, Gunga Din." With a huge case headed by Victor McLaglen, Douglas Fairbanks, jun., Cary Grant, Joan Fontaine, Sam Jaffe, Edourdo Ciannelli, Joan Fontaine, Montague Love and Lumsden Hare. Coming to the **NANKING.**

"Three Loves Has Nancy."—The vivacious story of a small-town girl who goes to New York in search of the man who left her at the altar, and finds herself involved as the romantic pivot between two other men. With Robert Montgomery, Janet Gaynor Franchot Tone, Guy Kibbee, Claire Dodd and Reginald Owen. Soon at the **CATHAY.**

"Going Places."—A mad, merry, gag-packed musical, built round the adventures of a sporting goods salesman who, purely as an advertising stunt, is masquerading as a famous Australian steeple-chaser. With Dick Powell, Anita Louise, Allen Jenkins, Ronald Reagan, Walter Catlett and Harold Huber. Coming to the **GRAND.**

"They Made Me a Criminal."—Accused of a murder he didn't commit and then reported as having been burnt to ashes in a motor car accident, the light weight champion of the world becomes an embittered fugitive to find solace at last in a camp for boys. With John Garfield, "Dead End Kids," Claude Rains, Ann Sheridan, May Robson, Gloria Dickson and Robert Gleckler. Coming to the **CATHAY.**

"Son of Frankenstein."—Stark terror stalks the earth again when the son of Frankenstein revives the monster his father had created and finds that the puppet has become the master. With Boris Karloff, Bela Lugosi Lionel Atwill and Donnie Dunagan. Basil Rathbone, Josephine Hutchinson, Coming to the **GRAND.**

"Trade Winds."—Romantic thrills in an excitement-charged woman-hunt that takes its stars right round the world to an island paradise in mid-Pacific. With Joan Bennett as the girl who fled from the law and Fredric March as the detective who finally catches up with her. The rest of the cast includes Ralph Bellamy, Ann Sothern, Sidney Blackmer, Thomas Mitchll and Robert Elliott. Coming to the **METROPOL.**

To Dine and Dance

ARCADIA.—Russian cuisine. Ermoll's orchestra, Sokolsky and Kniazefi ballets.

CASANOVA.—Apollo's Gauchos. Floor show.

CATHAY HOTEL LOUNGE.—Morning and afternoon tea and cocktails.

CATHAY RESTAURANT.—8th floor. Luncheon and dinner. Dinner dances every Saturday night. Alex and his orchestra.

CHEZ ROVERE.—French and Italian cuisine.

DARYAL.—Russian and Caucasian cuisine.

D. D.'s NIGHT CLUB.—Russian and foreign style cuisine. Teddy and Ferry Guzza—also Onschik at the violin.

DEL MONTE.—Cabaret. Alabido's orchestra. Floor show.

FARRENS.—Elnik, Milli Dani and Bill Brady. Fingerut's orchestra. Also the Nursery.

GAIETY.—Night club. Russian and foreign cuisine. Ruff brothers, Tarskaya and Schierhorn.

HUNGARIA.—Continental cuisine, Wilkens.

JESSFIELD NIGHT CLUB.—Boder, Roth, Stern and Dutch.

JOCKEY NIGHT CLUB.—Schiller and Lesser at the pianos—also Ardatoff and Freddie.

JIMMY'S.—American style meals at all hours.

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METROPOLE HOTEL.—Grill and dining rooms for business tiffins and other occasions.

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PARK HOTEL.—Dancing nightly. Sunday tea dance.

ROXY.—Night club. Jack, Geza and Gino.

SUN YA.—Chinese delicacies at tiffin, tea and dinner.

TOWER.—Night club. Dinner at 8.30 and dancing at 9.30 p.m. Benino, Bocharoff and Schlittner.

WINTER GARDEN.—Night club. Midnight Follies. Nina Kellan's orchestra.

"Going Places"

Anita Louise soon will be presented by the Grand Theatre.

FROM SHANGHAI FOOTLIGHTS AND FILMS

"Boys Town"

Spencer Tracy and Mickey Rooney headline the cast at the Nanking Theatre today, having support from Henry Hull, Leslie Fenton, Gene Reynolds and Edward Norris.

"Empress Wu Chieh-tien"

Current at the Metropol Theatre is this tale of a thrilling episode in Chinese history, produced by the director of the "Sable Cicada." English sub-titles carry the story for foreigners.

"Charlie Chan in Honolulu"

A new Charlie Chan comes to the Grand Theatre today in the person of Sidney Toler, supported by Phyllis Brooks, Sen Yung, Eddie Collins, Claire Dodd and John King.

"Return of the Scarlet Pimpernel"

For this film which opened at the Cathay yesterday, the Scarlet Pimpernel returned to France, where more adventures are depicted in the cast, Barry K. Barnes, Sophie Stewart and James Mason.

Property Rights In Hollywood

Disputes Over Thematic Priority Usually Settled Without Litigation

Occasionally Hollywood displays a fine sense of property rights. While the town likes to think that this regard is impelled by a conception of ethics, the cynical attribute the attitude to fear of litigation and reprisals rather than to rigid adherence to a moral code. When clashes occur between producers over the rights to a theme, friction rarely passes beyond the stage of legitimate business rivalry. Two studios, for instance, would not start on the same day to shoot the same picture, even though the subject be in public domain.

Technically, the Hays office could prevent such financial suicide, although if the rival lots were determined, it is doubtful that the Producers Association could do anything about it. Similar stories are frequently announced on the same day, but either a voluntary compromise is effected or one studio completes its script and plans before the other, thus forcing the slower one to withdraw.

Two notable examples involve the competition between Warners and Columbia over a picture on the Musica case and the Samuel Goldwyn-Fox issue over a screen version of Lincoln's life. It looks now as if Warners will win the former tussle and Fox the latter.

"Lawrence of Arabia"

A fight of more than ordinary proportions appears imminent over "Lawrence of Arabia," unless Alexander Korda, who has held "Revolt in the Desert" under option for three years, agrees with the estate of T. E. Lawrence in its contention that his claim on the story has lapsed. So sure is the Lawrence family of its legal rights that it has commissioned Major R. V. C. Bodley, a close friend of the Anglo-Arabian figure, to negotiate with other producers with the idea of bringing the life story to the screen before the end of the year. If the Korda situation is cleared up, the indications are that spirited bidding by three studios will take place. Through negotiations already opened between Bodley and Arthur Hornblow, jun., Paramount is also contemplating making the picture with Leslie Howard in the title role.

One of the greatest stumbling-blocks in making a film about Lawrence might be the refusal of the British Government to permit the truth to be told, although Bodley says that the various Ministries concerned with the political ramifications have given their approval, and that Hollywood would not be penalized for treating history with candour.

Shooting Prison Scenes

So successful has Metro been in shooting heretofore unphotographed locations in Federal prisons that "They All Come Out" is expected to emerge as a documentary on the American penal system. The studio felt that public interest did not warrant making the picture feature-length and the story was too important to dismiss with the customary two reels. In a spirit of compromise, then, it was decided to make a four-reeler, which will occupy the place of the second feature on double bills.

The government has co-operated with M.G.M. to the extent of allowing Director Jacques Tourneur to take his cameras into Atlanta, Chillicothe, Springfield and Alcatraz to make either key shots or extensive scenes. Even former Attorney-General Homer S. Cummings made a brief speech on the United States prison system, but because of his resignation this is being deleted. At Atlanta, Tourneur made considerable footage, but was required to keep a sufficient distance from prisoners so that they cannot be identified.

At Chillicothe volunteers were invited to allow themselves to be photographed. Only backgrounds were made at Springfield, while at Alcatraz restrictions permitted only the photographing of the exercise yard from a guard tower and a scene showing the guards practicing with their machine guns.

Last Performances Of "Coq d'Or"

The Russian Ballet will give three repeat performances over the week-end of their great success, "Coq d'Or" which was played to packed houses at the Lyceum last week. A show of such magnificence and beauty is worthy of any best stage in European or American capitals and Shanghailanders should not miss "Coq d'Or."

The beautiful music of Rimsky-Korsakov is excellently rendered by an augmented symphony orchestra under the baton of Maestro Sloutsky. Costumes and scenery are rich and magnificent in every detail, whilst acting, miming and dancing are superb and amusing.

These three performances are definitely the last ones. For children, admission prices are reduced for the Sunday matinee performance.

Russian Ballet's "Le Coq d'Or"

This talented group are repeating over the week-end their success of last week—above Kniazeff and Baranova.

Russian Light Opera

The Russian Light Opera next Thursday will honour their star comedian and producer, V. Valin, with a gala performance of Franz Lehar's "Blue Mazurka," in the Lyceum Theatre. Lehar is known for his "Merry Widow" and "Gipsy Love" and the coming production is said to be almost as good as the former two.

Valin will play the leading comic role and will be supported by Z. Bitner, S. Zorich and G. Kudinoff, among others. Seroff and Manjelei are to head special ballet ensembles.

The promoters state that new scenery and costumes are being prepared for the "Blue Mazurka," and that Prager, their new conductor, has the orchestra in fine fettle for the show.

Two Pianists

The new and pleasing novelty numbers presented nightly at the Jockey Night Club by members of the orchestra are proving a strong drawing card. Music and entertainment is in the capable hands of Friedrich Schiller and Joachim Lesser, pianists; Ardatoff, accordeonist and master of ceremonies, and Freddie, drummer. Personal attention to the welfare of patrons is given by the management. Among the more popular of the tasty short orders are onion soup and toasted cheese sandwiches.

Cathay Floor Show

The management of the Cathay ballroom promises an excellent floor-show for the Saturday evening dinner dance which, coupled with the melodious strains of Alex's orchestra, indicates a splendid evening's entertainment. Dancers at will may attend the Tower, on the floor above, stay a while and return to their places if they wish. In the Tower a capable musical trio respond to requests, usually the older favourites, which they intersperse with the more modern American jazz.

Havsky's Concert

Vladimir Havsky has selected an interesting and varied programme for his independent concert which is to take place on Tuesday in the Lyceum Theatre. The programme will begin with Bach's wonderful organ Phantasy and Fugue, brilliantly arranged by Liszt. A series of Chopin Preludes as well as his famous Lullaby and Scherzo come next.

Among other pieces included in the first part of the concert, Havsky will play, for the first time in Shanghai, Rachmaninoff's exceedingly difficult Polka, which has been written on the theme of an old popular Polka, which the father of the composer used to hum sometimes.

The principal item on the programme is undoubtedly Tschaikowsky's immortal Piano Concerto, which one can hear innumerable times, always finding new beauty and inspiration in this work of a genius.

The Municipal Orchestra under the baton of Maestro M. Paci will add to the attraction of the concert by accompanying the young pianist in his rendering of the Concerto.

French Club Dance

The special attraction at the French Club Dinner Dance on Saturday will be the first appearance on the entertainment programme of M. N. Svetlanoff and his charming partner, Mlle. Nikitina. These artistes have just returned to Shanghai after a very successful tour in Manila and will present two numbers, tango and the ever popular Apache dance. The full programme follows:—

"La Bohème".....C. Sitnokova
Tango .....Nikitina and Svetlanoff
"Presto" .....Hélène
Rhumba .....C. Sitnikova
"Dase des Apaches"
Nikitina and Svetlanoff

Reservations should be made as early as possible to the secretary's office.

Spanish Dancer

With the addition of Franciska—she of the castanets—to the entertainment staff of Farren's tomorrow, still another variety of the terpsichorean art will be added to the floorshow. Her Spanish costumes and whirling dances have been commented on before in Shanghai, while, her personality stands out distinctively. Milli Dani, with her interpretative numbers, and Elnik, whose forte is character items, round out the dance routines. Mr. Farren, himself, occasionally assists Bill Brady, the magician, introducing comedy effects, which are greatly appreciated.

Music lovers are always happy to corner the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer actor, Melvyn Douglas. Although few know it, Douglas is a pianist and composer of real merit, and hours of evening get-togethers are spent about the piano over which Douglas presides, performing request numbers for the crowd.

Beatrice Lillie's New Broadway Triumph

Outdoes Noel Coward in His "Set to Music"

Beatrice Lillie in a Noel Coward revue is as near perfection as the most exacting playgoer could desire, says Dorothy Duniway Ryan. In "Set to Music," the incomparable Lillie is so hilariously amusing that she steals some of the glory from the glittering Coward renown.

From the moment when she rides jauntily onto the stage on a white horse, the show is hers. With sure skill she brings out all the satire in Mr. Coward's witty sketches. Critics and playgoers alike are captivated by her comedy. Mr. Coward's new opus is tops in its field. With his usual prodigality, the author has written the music and lyrics, in addition to the sketches, and has staged the production himself. Everyone agrees that he has done a magnificent job.

It is Miss Lillie, however, whose name adorns the headlines. She is so superb in her comic style that the reviewers devoted much more attention to her than to Mr. Coward, which certainly must be something of a novelty for England's wonder boy.

Critics Outdo Each Other

So delighted were the critics with Miss Lillie's performance that they outdid each other in praise and piled on the adjectives with an utter disregard for future need of the same old standbys. Mr. Brooks Atkinson, for instance, found Miss Lillie so "iridescently witty" that he tossed aside his usual reserve and spoke of her, in alliterative abandon, as "the miracle woman of mockery."

The funniest sketch in the show, and really one of the greatest moments in any revue, discloses Miss Lillie as the condescending manager of a charity pageant, with inept society women appearing costumed as the famous ladies of history.

Miss Lillie as a lady spy, executing her tricks of espionage in a railway station for all to see, is another high point in the Coward sketches. There is also the pleasure of beholding the star in the role of a pampered actress, weary of her success and longing for the simplicity of her girlhood in the country.

She can look dignified, and yet be pleasingly rowdy at the same time. Fortunately for playgoers, she is Aunty Bea and Lady Peel at the same time. It is a marvellous combination. For all her adroitness in pointing at human weakness, she gives the air of being very fond of the human race.

Charlie Chaplin will commence active work shortly on his forthcoming and first all-talking picture, tentatively titled "The Dictator." Despite rumours, this announcement, made recently by Alfred Reeves, general manager of the Chaplin studios, is the first official word from the comedian's studios that an actual shooting date on his new film has been set.

"Blue Mazurka"

The Russian Light Opera will honour Valin with a gala show next week.

Basil Rathbone New Film Sleuth

Sherlock Holmes to be Played By Smooth Performer

He's wearing a twin-visored cap, pulled down tightly; a snug-fitting double-breasted (four-button) tweed and he's smoking a curved briar pipe.

Need another clue? Well, he solves crimes almost casually, and usually prefaces his solutions with the remark, "Elementary, my dear Watson."

Sherlock Holmes, of course.

He has come to cinematic life again, this time in the person of Basil Rathbone. If one sees "The Hound of the Baskervilles," a comparison of Rathbone in it with the frontispiece of the drawings of Conan Doyle's Sherlock easily can be seen. One will be amazed at the resemblance.

Rathbone jumped at the opportunity to enact Sherlock, but not without realizing that he will be subjected to criticism.

Character Typed by Readers

"This is what might be termed a preconceived character," says Rathbone. "There are few characters in English literature who are so lovable, so widely known. Everyone who has read the Doyle stories knows exactly what Sherlock looked like. The trouble is each conception is different."

A good many thousands of Doyle readers think of Sherlock Holmes as the late William Gillette portrayed him—with exaggerated gestures, wearing loud, checkered garb and smoking a huge meerschaum pipe. That was Gillette's characterization, and on and off for five years he entertained audiences in this country and in England.

In preparing "The Hound," the writers at 20th Century decided it would be more logical for Sherlock to wear subdued clothing. A detective dressed up like a race track tout would attract too much attention. Accordingly, all of Rathbone's costumes will be in subdued grays and browns. The visors on his "front and back" cap have been purposely shortened.

Holmes never was without his pipe. There was some argument about the kind he should use: briar or meerschaum. Rathbone held out for the briar and produced a dozen drawings to prove his point.

A line from Doyle that has been "gagged" in comic strips, in burlesque, and even in the movies, will be used but once in this piece. It is, "Watson, the needle." It will be a semi-comic fadeout line. To suggest that the leading character is addicted to the use of dope would run the film into censorship trouble and, in the second place, the phrase might cause a laugh in the wrong place.

Alexander Korda has purchased the film rights to Rudyard Kipling's "Jungle Book" to be produced on his next year's schedule, with Sabu in the top role. The story revolves around the boy, Mowgli, who is brought up by wolves and is able to talk to all the animals in the jungle.

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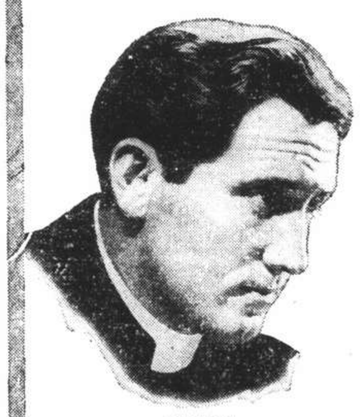

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THE SPORTS PAGE

More Griffins to Be Out at Third Extra Meeting

Interesting Races Foreseen with Three Confined To New Ponies ; Loch Maree May Be Pressed

By "Ching"

ENTRIES for Saturday's racing closed last Monday, and are quite satisfactory in all the twelve events that make up the afternoon's race programme. The 1939 subs will be seen out again. They are getting three races confined to them for which forty ponies have been entered, including twelve that as yet have not been started. Amongst them, three at least that have done some excellent training gallops during the last two months. These three races should be of special interest, with a prospect of even seeing the stand out Loch Maree, having to put his best foot forward to hold an unbeaten record.

The two races open to all ponies have been very well supported by owners, and looking over the names of the seventeen ponies entered in the eleven furlong event, one cannot help being struck by the wealth of classic winners to be found there, This must result in a really good race, with possibly next May's Champion winner finishing comfortably ahead of the second pony.

Wednesday's Gallops

Yesterday morning, though fine and pleasant, was a bad one for those that wanted to see the ponies at work, and register correctly times of gallops due to a heavy mist hanging over the track and blocking out a view of all posts with the exception of the mile and 1¼ mile ones. It was also difficult to time the last quarter correctly.

Still there was much interesting work going on, a lot of it giving a line to Saturday's racing. The best gallop I saw was done by H. Maitland when up on Magic Circle. He went one mile alone in 2.13.1 I could not get the last quarter but he seemed to be finishing in a canter.

Gold Vase (BL) and Windsor Lad (FM) went one mile together both finishing well, doing it in 2.15 4/5 last quarter 32 3/5. The Swan also finished well when doing his mile in 2.16. Autumnlight did his mile in 2.21.2., Cottonlight 2.24.3, Flying High did his in 2.23, Un Un Un 2.19, Rain 2.15, Goldenray 2.23, Dow Jones 2.22, Blue Boy 2.19.2, Duke of Kent 2.27, Busted Straight 2.18.2, Columbus 2.17.2, Cherrylight 2.28.2.

Gordon Rouge finished well at the end of his 1¼ mile done in 2.57.2. Two griffins in the "Cire" stable named Joylight and Fairylight went well for 1¼ mile, doing it in just inside three minutes, both finishing with stylish action.

TRAINING GALLOPS

IN very misty weather on a soft track, local race ponies went through their training gallops early on Wednesday morning before the critical eyes of those gathered to look for probable winners in forthcoming race meetings at the S.R.C., more particularly in the Third Extra Meeting to be held tomorrow. The times recorded for the gallops, all done on the inside course, were as follows.

(Sub-Griffins of 1939)

Pony & Rider	¼m.	½m.	¾m.	1m.	1¼m.	1½m	Last ¼
Alstereck, E. B. Cumine	—	1.09	1.42				33
Applejack, G. P. Gram	39	1.16	1.52	2.27	3.01.2		34.2
Interim, H. Maitland	—	—	1.49.3	2.22.3			33
Joyfully, K. S. Shu	—	1.10.2	1.43				32.3
Quick Change, A. C. Kew	—	—	1.55	2.27			32
Rigoletto, J. B. Lok	41	1.18	1.53	2.26			33
Roanoke, A. V. Striker	38	—	1.48	2.24			36
Second Thoughts, C. G. Jack	—	—	1.58	2.32			34
Tiddly Winks, Boy	40	1.15.2	1.49	2.23			34
Uncle John, R. D. Parkin	—	—	1.45.2	2.20			34.3
Alberto, ?	—	—	—	2.35	3.08.2		33.2
Elfenfels, Boy	—	1.09	1.41.2				32.2
Loch Maree, R. H. Robertson	38	—	—	2.33	3.05		32
Newbury, S. Y. Sung	39	—	1.51	2.24			33
Rocky Mount, A. V. Striker	—	—	1.51	2.27			36
Special Delivery, Mrs. Liddell	—	—	1.46	2.19			33
Army Patrol, H. Huang	38	1.14	1.47	2.21			34
Lore-fels, E. B. Cumine	—	1.09	1.41.2				32.2
Sugar Star, H. Huang	—	—	—	2.26	3.00		34
Runcorn, Boy	—	—	1.57	2.30			33

(1st Class & Unclassified Ponies)

Black Pirate, Boy	—	—	1.42	2.14.3			32.3
Rigodon, A. C. Kew	—	—	1.48.2	2.21			32.3
Busted Straight, G. P. Gram	39.3	1.14	1.47	2.19			32
Carnival, Mrs. Liddell	35.2	1.09	1.42				33
Gold Vase, Mrs. Liddell	37	1.11	1.44	2.16			32
Flying High, H. Maitland	40	1.16	1.50.2	2.23			32.3
Phantom, Boy	35	1.08.3	1.40.3				32
Rain, Mrs. Liddell	34.2	1.09	1.43.2	2.15.2			32
Cordon Rouge, Mrs. Liddell	37	—	—	2.24.3	2.56.3		32
Corps Cavalry, Boy	—	—	1.47	2.19			32
Windsor Lad, late Coronation Morn, F. Marshall	37	1.11	1.44	2.16			32
Mou Tan Hua, Boy	38	1.14	1.47	2.18.3			31.3
Magic Circle, H. Maitland	—	—	1.42	2.13.2			31.2
Duke of Kent, Boy	39	1.15.3	1.52	2.27			35
Autumnlight, ?	—	—	1.47.2	2.19.2			32
Cherrylight, Boy	—	—	1.56	2.27.2			31.2

(2nd Class Ponies)

Duke of Cornwall, R. Morgan	40	—	—	2.28	3.00		32.2
Fancylight, ?	—	—	1.47	2.19.2			32
Goldenray, F. Marshall	40	1.16.2	1.50	2.22			32
Loch Minor, Boy	38	1.15.3	1.56.3	2.23			32.2
Receivership, J. B. Lok	43	—	1.57	2.30			33
Pearlylight, C. B. Moller	39	1.16	1.51	2.23			32
The Swan, A. Noodt	—	—	1.45	2.17.3			32.3
Goldenlight, Boy	—	—	1.44	2.16			32
Going Slow, Boy	—	—	1.43	2.20			32
Kanoungtoe, R. Morgan	—	—	1.46	2.20			34
Lively Morn, A. A. White	37	1.12	1.47	2.21			34
Mightylight, C. B. Moller	—	—	1.51	2.23			32
Beautylight, Boy	—	—	1.49	2.21			32
Athenian Knight, Boy	—	—	1.52	2.25			32
Libertylight, Boy	38	1.15.2	1.50	2.21			31
Dow Jones, G. P. Gram	38	1.13.3	1.48	2.20			32
Rye, ?	38.2	1.09.2	1.40				30.3
The Midget, J. Sparke	—	—	1.52	2.14.2			32.2
Wet Morn, Boy	34	1.07	1.39				32
Cordon Bleu, Boy	—	—	1.46	2.19			33
Port St. Mary, E. Kermode	—	—	1.48	2.20			32

(3rd & 3a Class Ponies)

Levenvale, late Camberley Heath late Clipping Morn, I. H. Howell	33.2	1.06.2	1.40				33.3
Livelylight, Boy	39	—	1.52	2.24.3			32.3
Man O'Pep, R. Morgan	—	—	1.46	2.16			32
Man O'Zest, Boy	—	—	1.48	2.22			34
Nero, F. Marshall	—	1.07	1.40				33
Cottonlight, E. B. Moller	—	—	1.51	2.23			32
Grenadier, Boy	41	1.21	1.59	2.33	3.05		32
Keep Off, G. Pollock	41	1.21	1.59	2.33	3.05		32
Ideal King, H. M. R. Hodgman	—	—	1.56.2	2.29			32.3
Off Chance, R. Morgan	38	—	—	2.25	2.57.2		32.2
Record Mark, V. L. Xavier	—	—	1.55.2	2.28			32.3
Charminglight, Boy	39	1.16	1.52	2.27			35
Runninglight, Boy	39	1.16	1.52	2.27			35
Evesham, Boy	—	—	1.49	2.21.3			32.3
Little Joe, Boy	—	—	1.46	2.18			32
Morning Glory, P. Chen	35	1.08.2	1.40				31.3
Night Raider, J. Sparke	—	—	1.55	2.29			34
Sunridge Park, Boy	—	—	1.50	2.22			32

***All on Inside Course.

Columbia C. C. Acorns Near Ten-Pin Honours

Lemont Outstanding In Tussle with S.R.C.

The Columbia Country Club Acorns completed the first half of the play-off series for the championship in the Second Division of the Shanghai Inter-Club Ten Pins League with a 2-1 lead over the Shanghai Race Club, defending champions, in their own alleys yesterday evening.

Both teams were winners in the Pine and Maple Sections respectively, and to decide the title a final series of seven games was necessary. The Acorns need to win only two more to capture premier honours while the Racing people require three more to retain the championship.

Lemont of the Acorns stood out by garnering a single of 225. His triple was 580. Pote-Hunt's three-game total reached 557. Hall of the Race Club was the third one to surpass the 500 mark, getting 512.

Results were:—

C.C.C. Acorns

Lemont	175	180	225	580
Bourne	169	166	150	485
Dolton	137	181	151	469
Hebel	139	143	164	446
James	195	148	152	495
	815	818	802	2,475

Race Club

Gensburger	125	133	111	369
Hale	157	164	191	512
Cooper	169	163	131	463
Xavier	170	149	143	462
Pote-Hunt	195	190	172	557
	816	799	748	2,363

H.M.S. Robin Wins Shameen Title

Softball Becomes New Craze Among Sailors

Canton, Mar. 15.

Although the smallest unit in the British West River Fleet, H.M.S. Robin has won the Shameen soccer league after an interesting season.

H.M.S. Tarantula, favourites for the championship, threw away their chances for the title when they allowed the lowly-placed Cicala XI to hold them to a 3-3 draw in a spirited match.

For the first time in years Shameen finished well up, taking third place after the Robin and the Tarantula.

Other participants in the League were the British gunboats Cicala, Seamew and Moth, the French gunboat Argus, and the American gunboat Mindanao.

The majority of the Mindanao team were newcomers to the game, and quite naturally could not hold their own against their more experienced opponents.

With Shameen, however, hard hit by the softball craze, they are coming into their own.

It is hoped to run a softball league after the soccer shield matches have concluded.—Reuter.

Cardiff Beats Oxford At Rugger

Special to the "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 14.

In a Rugby Union match played today at Cardiff, the home team beat Oxford University by 24-18.—Reuter.

Craze for Game of Darts Growing

The remarkable rise of darts has resulted in many teams being entirely composed of members of one family and inter-family competition is becoming more and more frequent. An interesting match took place at the Hendon Way Hotel recently when the Spellers of Enfield met the Spellers of Stonebridge Park, eight brothers in opposition. O.P.S. Jimmy Wilde, the boxer, and Willie Hall of the Spurs (right) acted as umpires.

Darts Growing in Shanghai

More Clubs and Military Units Enter Teams ; East Surreys on Top of League

"DOUBLE eighteen required," "One hundred and thirty-two scored," "Bad luck, Sir, just a little outside, "That will be quite sufficient, it's bang in the middle of the double!" These, and many other similar expressions are constantly being heard all over Shanghai these evenings and to the uninitiated, the answer is "It's that royal and ancient indoor game of darts!" For several years now the game of feathered arrows has flourished in a very healthy state in England in hotels, taverns, clubs, parlours, the home, in fact everywhere where men and women congregate. Even the King and Queen have been observed throwing to start on a selected "double," and it is known that the noblest in the land are constantly endeavouring to improve their aim.

That darts is one of the most popular games in England at present cannot be denied for one second. Its rise in popularity has been phenomenal and now, in Shanghai, with the Municipal Police sponsoring tournament after tournament, there can be little doubt that this interesting sport—it most definitely is such—has taken its place alongside more strenuous events as a game that will for a long time find a ready place in the annals of Shanghai's sporting world.

When the present series of games, now being conducted by the Police, are run off, another open tournament will be held and it will come as no surprise to see practically every local Club and organization entering. In addition to the Police and British Army players who are considered quite expert at the art, it is learned that the Italian Club, French Police and Shanghai Recreation Club, to mention but three, are all keen to play the best that Shanghai can offer in the way of darts. Perhaps their wishes can be gratified at a later date by some of the sides competing in the Open League at present. The Fourth U.S. Marines, too, have expressed their intention of entering for the next tournament.

Match play in the Police Open Darts League is proceeding well in accordance with schedule and with the half-way stage now passed, the East Surreys are in command of a clear two-points lead over the Carter Road Police team. Both sides have won eight times out of nine starts, but the Londoners, by virtue of two 3-0 victories early on, hold the leading position. They are favourites for the title and the Ewo Shield, but they have yet to meet their nearest opponents. Upon this game will probably rest the championship.

Results of games since last Saturday:

Shanghai Fire Brigade best Gordon Road 3-0; British Military Police beat Area Details 2-1; Carter Road beat S.V.C. 2-1; East Surreys beat Louza Station 2-1; Pootoo Road Station beat British Military Police 2-1.

High individual score still remains at 140, four players having recorded this figure.

League Standing

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
East Surreys Sgts Mess	9	8	1	19
Carter Road Quarters	9	8	1	17
Pootoo Road Station	11	6	5	17
British Military Police	10	6	4	17
Area Details	8	5	3	14
Louza Station	8	5	3	14
Central Station	10	4	6	14
Armed & Training Reserve	8	5	3	13
Central Club	8	5	3	13
R.A.M.C.	7	4	3	11
Shanghai Fire Brigade	7	3	4	11
Jail	8	3	5	11
Gordon Road Station	8	2	6	10
R.A.S.C.	8	2	6	10
Seaforths Sgts. Mess	7	3	4	8
Garrison Sgts. Mess	9	1	8	8
Shanghai Volunteer Corps Sgt. Mess.	7	1	6	6

Twenty-four sides entered for the Police Team Tournament, for which Messrs. Union Brewery are presenting a massive and exquisitely designed silver cup. Play may begin forthwith, the draw for the first round being:

Central "B" *v.* Bubbling Well "A." Police Club "B" *v.* Sinza "A"; Louza "B" *v.* A. & T.R. "A"; Carter Road "A" *v.* A. & T.R. "B"; "D" Division *v.* Sinza "B"; Legal Department *v.* Gordon Road; Police Club "A" *v.* Pootoo Road; Central "A" *v.* Gaol "D."

The following eight teams drew byes into the second round:

Louza "A," Bubbling Well "B," Reserve Unit, Carter Road "B," West Hongkew, Gaol "A," Gaol "B," Gaol "C."

Team secretaries are reminded that all first-round games must be completed by March 25.

Basketball Invaders

For the first time for many years a foreign Middle School basketball team will visit Shanghai. From information received last night the Candian Academy of Kobe, Japan, is due to arrive here on April 3rd. The Shanghai American School will act as hosts and a series of games will be played between the visitors and some local teams of middle school calibre.

The visiting boys, eight Americans, two British, and one Japanese will leave Kobe on March 30, under the leadership of Bill Austen, coach of the Academy.

The Academy team has had an unusually successful season. With an enviable record of 14 victories from 15 games, it captured the title for the Middle School championship in Kwansei district (Kobe-Osaka-Kyoto).

Fifth Test Match Abandoned

With Only 42 More Runs Needed English Eleven Hurries Homeward

Durban, Mar. 14.

With five wickets in hand and needing only 42 runs to win, England was dramatically robbed in the final minutes of play yesterday of a record victory against South Africa in the fifth and last Test Match when it was abandoned at the tea interval owing to rain. It was the tenth day of play. As a result of the abandonment, England regains the rubber.

England's second innings score of 654 runs for 5 wickets was a world record and only a trick by nature saved South Africa from certain defeat.

There is no question of the match being resumed tomorrow as the tourists have now only the barest margin of time in which to dash to Capetown to catch the boat to England.

Another world record was set up in the match in the number of aggregate runs made which totalled 1981 runs.—Reuter.

Week-end to See Close Of Rugby Season

Seven-a-Side Games Off ; Tung Wen XV Disbanded

Despite the fact that the coming week-end ushers in the close of rugby football in Shanghai for the current season, no announcement has yet been made by the Shanghai Rugby Union Football Club as to the schedule of games to be played on Saturday and Sunday. Players and followers of the game, however, are assured that the fixtures and teams will be released for publication today and they should consult these columns tomorrow morning for full details.

It has been learned that the Tung Wen College, XV winner of the Second Division "B" Spunt Cup Tournament, is now on holiday and the team has been disbanded, so that there is no possibility of the game between the Japanese and the victors of the Second Division "A" section taking place.

In addition to this setback—such a match would have been most interesting and doubtless productive of some fine rugger—the Seven-a-Side Series will not be played this year, there being insufficient time to go through with the tournament. The Cup for this competition will therefore remain in the possession of the Durham Light Infantry, last year's winners, now stationed in Tientsin.

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Canadian Defence Expenses Set Peace Time Record

Expenditures This Year of Over $63,000,000 Envisaged; Loans to Carry Chief Burden

Ottawa, Ontario, Mar. 14.

THE Canadian Government disclosed it plans to increase Canada's defence expenditures this year to over $63,000,000—the highest in peace time history—because of troubled world conditions. The 1939-40 fiscal year defence estimates tabled in the House of Commons by Mr. Ian MacKenzie, Defence Minister, showed appropriations of $23,775,565 for the air force, $20,774,600 for the Army, and $8,500,000 for the Navy. The total appropriations represent an increase of $27,480,561 over those of the previous year.

The increased appropriations will be used for purchase of 83 new warplanes, one new flotilla leader, establishment of schools to train pilots for the Canadian Air Force and the British Royal Air Force and of a Fishermen's Naval Reserve on the Atlantic Coast similar to those existing on the Pacific, increases in the Naval and Air Force personnels, new equipment and armaments for the three defence forces, and construction of new and improvement of existing Naval and Air stations throughout the country. The appropriation for new equipment for the Air Force was $16,277,069, for the Militia $6,779,695, and for the Navy $2,949,803.

Two new divisions will be added to the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve and a new unit to the Royal Canadian Fleet Reserve which will be manned by retired members of the Royal Canadian Navy. The Air Force personnel will be increased by fourteen officers and 217 men, and that of the navy by 21 officers and 363 ratings. A sum of $6,000,000 is alloted to the air force for training purposes.

The increase in defence appropriations will be financed by loans to be amortized over a period of ten years instead of from the annual budget. The new policy announced by the government, involves charging to capital account part of the defence outlays and establishment of sinking fund to finance them. A sum of $3,447,175 in the defence estimates was allocated to the sinking fund.

Purchasing Board

Another new policy to be adopted by the government in expanding the country's defences will be to place all arms expenditures and purchases in the hands of a Defence Purchasing Board composed of experts to prevent unfair profiteering.

The large increase in defence expenditures did not come as a surprise, as it was forecast in the Throne Speech at the opening of Parliament January 12. The message asserted that the government "considered that the uncertainties of the future and conditions of modern warfare made it imperative that Canada's defences be materially strengthened."—United Press.

More Relief Funds Wanted in U.S.

President Roosevelt Says Congress Faces Facts, Not Theory

Washington, Mar. 15.

President Roosevelt sent a special message to Congress yesterday aking an additional $150,000,000 to continue relief projects at their present level until June 30. The special grant, which the President said was imperative, would restore the amount which Congress cut from the Administration's original Works Progress Administration deficiency appropriation.

The President's message to Congress gave warning that a reduction in W.P.A. rolls, which was inevitable without the special appropriation, would cause American business to suffer. Failure to grant the appropriation, he said, would force the W.P.A. to drop 5,000,000 persons, including dependents, from the relief rolls in the next three months.

Mr. Roosevelt said the "merchants and landlords" would feel the effects if such a large number of persons were deprived of their W.P.A. incomes. New studies of the relief and unemployment problem, the President said, fully supported his request for more funds.

The President said no substantial change had been noted in employment figures since January.

"The United States is faced with a condition, not a theory," he President said.

Mr. Edward T. Taylor, Democratic Representative of Colorado, introduced a bill to provide the requested W.P.A. funds as soon as the President's message had been read in the House of Representatives.

Mr. Taylor said he would convene the sub-committee on deficiency appropriations today to discuss the President's request and hold public hearings.

There were indications that the economy bloc in Congress was weaking and that the President would probably obtain the $150,000,000.—United Press.

Mrs. Roosevelt Tells How She Lives

Tremendous Activities of U.S. First Lady Revealed

Washington, Mar. 14.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, wife of the President, often has wished for a facial but she has been too busy to get one. She sleeps more in summer than in winter. She awakens full of energy each morning despite the lateness of the hour of her retirement, and breakfasts at 8.30 a.m. She can fall asleep as soon as her head touches the pillow but usually reads until slumber comes.

She rides on horse back when she wants surcease. She rests her eyes by knitting. She never is exhausted. She has travelled 25,000 to 50,000 miles, shaken thousands of hands, made hundreds of speeches and answered hundreds of thousands of letters in the past six years. She has not had a disagreeable experience as First Lady.

These and other revelations were made by Mrs. Roosevelt at a press conference. Her remarks were pointed not only to the ladies but to those who are curious about "how she keeps going." To hundreds who are writing to her protesting the $150,000,000 cut which Congress made in the pending relief bill, she said: "I wish the letters would go to the responsible people who have power, and not to me."

She explained that she meant the legislators. To them she said: "The reduction is only a gesture toward economy."

Her words to Works Progress Administration workers: "They have been doing marvellous work for the country, that will be felt for a long time."

To motion picture theatre operators: "The Star Spangled Banner should be played only at certain moments." She is afraid that too frequent playing of the national anthem may become a bore.—United Press.

Gambling Monopoly For Canton

Chinese Syndicate Gets Concession

Canton, Mar. 15.

After keen competition, a big Chinese syndicate, known as the Yip Shing Company, is officially announced to have succeeded in securing the gambling monopoly for Canton, bids for which were recently invited.

The amount offered by the successful bidders has not been divulged.

In accordance with the new regulations of the Peace Preservation Committee, gambling houses will in future be allowed to operate only in five specified districts, including Honam island and Tai Ho Road, the scene of one of the city's largest loot markets.—Reuter.

British Fund For Relief in China

Report Given at General Meeting in London

London, Mar. 14.

Presiding at the general Committee meeting of the British Fund for the relief of distress in China, the Earl of Donoughmore announced that since the Fund was opened on October 1, 1937, subscriptions totalling £177,338 have been received.

For the past six weeks, he said, money has been coming in at an average of over £1,300 weekly.

Administrative expenses in England alone, he continued, were only a trifle over two per cent.

Dr. H. G. Thompson, Secretary of the Fund Committee, pointed out that in addition to the money, the Fund had received many valuable gifts, such as several tons of ether and chloroform, £1,000 worth of stainless steel surgical instruments from Sheffield manufacturers and over 2,000 bales of clothing, which had been shipped to China.

He also mentioned the great value of the free transport given by shipping companies, the cost of which would otherwise have eaten deeply into the Fund.—Reuter.

Tientsin Central Bank Uses F.R.B. Notes

Reversal of Policy Seen In New Move

Tientsin, Mar. 15.

Regarded here as signifying a capitulation by the Chungking-controlled Central Bank of China, the local branch of the institution yesterday began dealing in Federal Reserve Bank notes.

The Central Bank of China's office here, located in the British Concession, began exchanging its own notes of small denomination amounting to less than $10 with F.R.B. notes at par.

In cases of amounts exceeding $10, the Central Bank issued cheques drawn against the Joint Reserve Board of the Chinese Native Banks and Bankers' Association. Payment of these cheques is effected in F.R.B. notes.

Hitherto, the Central Bank refused to deal in F.R.B. notes.

Its own notes, as well as those of the Bank of China, the Bank of Communications and the Farmers' Bank of China, were outlawed by the "Provisional Government" on March 10.—Domei.

Chungking to Broadcast To World

New Radio Station Opened; British Installation

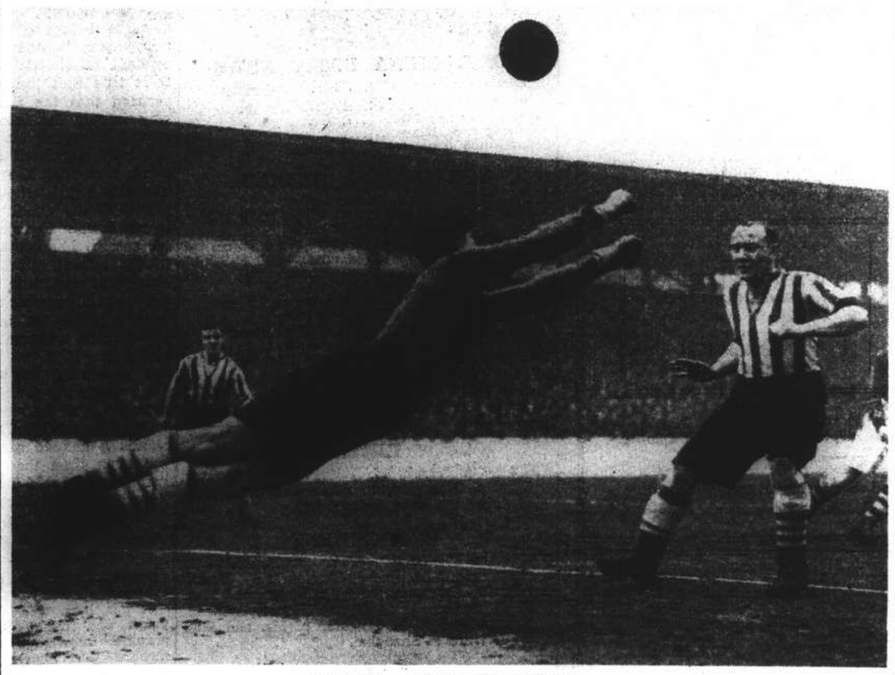
Chungking, Mar. 14.

The Central Broadcasting Station here has officially announced the commencement of broadcasts over a new 35-kilowatt shortwave station, for Britain, France, Italy, Germany, North America, Siberia, Manchuria, North China, Japan, the South Seas and Soviet Russia.

The new powerful station was constructed by the British concern of Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company Ltd.

It was originally intended for Nanking, but after the commencement of the Sino-Japanese hostilities, it was moved to Chungking.

Special broadcasts for Britain, under the call sign of XGOY, operating on a wave-length of 25.51 metres, will be made daily at 11 p.m. London time. It will consist of daily new bulletins.—Reuter.



West Ham Meets Chesterfield

Middleton, Chesterfield's goalkeeper, clears from a centre by Morton, West Ham outside-left, during the League football match at Upton Park recently.

New British Note Due in Tokyo

Tientsin Concession Treatment Resented; Commons Statements

London, Mar. 15.

The British Foreign Office today was considering a new protest to Japan against conditions imposed on the foreign concessions in Tientsin by the Japanese Army.

The new protest was understood to be based on information unearthed by British secret service agents, revealing that pro-Japanese elements in Tientsin had created a special organization for the perpetration of acts of terrorism inside the foreign concessions.

The British Note is expected to label Japan's recent reply to an earlier British protest on Tientsin conditions as "unsatisfactory." The Japanese reply said electrified barricades erected round the foreign concessions had been necessitated by the "lack of sincerity" in the attitude of foreign concession authorities toward Japan.—United Press.

Commons Statement

London, Mar. 14.

In a written reply in the House of Commons today, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said that no answer had been received by the British Consul-General to his enquiry on measures adopted by the Japanese authorities against the British Concession in Tientsin.

The Acting British Consul-General, however, he added, had interviewed Lieutenant General Homma, Japanese military commander, on March 6, when the whole position was reviewed. The Japanese commander undertook to discuss the matter with the Japanese Consul-General to enable the Consul-General to reply.

He understood, Mr. Butler went on, that representations had also been made to the Japanese Government by the French and American Ambassadors.

N. China Currency Issue

Questioned on Great Britain's action regarding the introduction of the new Japanese currency regulations in North China, Mr. Butler answered that "appropriate representations" were being made to the Japanese Government, but he was unable to make a detailed statement at present.

At the same time, Reuter learns that the British, French and American Notes to Tokyo regarding the currency and other trade restrictions in North China were couched in vigorous language.

Business, it is understood, came to a standstill on the first day of the new regulations, and many Japanese concede the inconvenience and virtual impossibility of the situation.

No official reports of the resulting effects have been received but it is believed that the military authorities, who forced through the new arrangement will have to abandon their position sooner or later.—Reuter.

Powers' Misunderstand

Peiping, Mar. 15.

Officials of the Provisional Government today ascribed representations of Britain, America and France to Japan regarding new foreign exchange regulations in North China as due to a misunderstanding on the part of those Powers.

Officials here pointed out that the new regulations apply equally to all foreign nationals, including Japanese and Manchoukuoans, who are required to go through the formalities of passing the Customs by presenting certificates of the Federal Reserve Bank.

Export bills for 12 designated products in North China are drafted on the basis of 1s. 2d. a dollar in the case of third Power nationals or at par with the dollar and yen in the case of Japanese and Manchoukuoans.—Domei.

Chinese Stabilization Fund

London, Mar. 15.

Whether the Chinese Dollar Stabilization Fund is to ope te in a manner similar to that of the Exchange Equalization Fund, and whether any consultations are to take place with other countries as provided for in the instance of the Franc-Dollar-Sterling Agreement was the question asked by the Labour Member for Bassetlaw, Notts., Mr. Frederick John Bellenger, in the House of Commons yesterday.

"I hope to introduce the necessary bill tomorrow," Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, replied, "and would ask the Hon. Member to await its terms and discussion which will follow."

"Although I am prepared to wait," Mr. Bellenger said, "will the Chancellor of the Exchequer say whether he will deal with the special point raised by my question today when he is introducing the bill?"

"I think," declared Sir John, "that some statement will be necessary as to the way in which it is proposed to administer the fund."—Havas.

General Strike Called In French Syria

Damascus, Mar. 15.

The Cabinet resigned here last night and a general strike was proclaimed in protest against the Government's refusal to promise official pacification of the Franco-Syrian Treaty of 1936.—United Press.

Jewish Home to Be Guaranteed

British Compromise Scheme Still Being Formulated

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 15.

Reuter understands that a meeting of Arab delegates has been called for 4 o'clock this afternoon, when the British Government will place before them the conclusions reached as a result of the past five weeks' consultations on the Palestine problem. A second meeting with the whole Jewish delegation will be held with the same purpose at 9 o'clock this evening. Both meetings will take place at St. James' Palace.

It is anticipated that the final conclusions will be submitted to the British Cabinet at its weekly meeting this morning.

When an all-party deputation of members of the House of Commons, representing the Palestine Committee, saw Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, on Monday night, he is understood to have given them an assurance that the Government would not permit liquidation of the Jewish national home and was not contemplating placing the Jews under Arab domination.

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the Jewish Agency, interviewed Mr. Chamberlain in his room in the House on Tuesday night.

The only meeting in connection with the Palestine talks on Tuesday was held between British delegates and representatives of Egypt, Saudi-Arabia and Iraq. The meeting was called at the last minute and suggests that the British proposals are still in the process of formulation.—Reuter.

Soviets Prepared To Defy Japan

Fishery Lots to Be Auctioned; Parleys Continue Deadlocked

Moscow, Mar. 15.

Defying Japanese threats of armed action, the Soviet Union today was expected to auction off Soviet fishing lots formerly leased to Japan.

The Soviet-Japanese fisheries dispute reached an important crisis last night when another conference between the Japanese Ambassador to Moscow, Mr. Shigenori Togo, and the Soviet Commissar for Foreign Affairs, M. Maxim Litvinov, ended in a deadlock.

The conference, possibly the last of a series, was brief. Apparently the two diplomats ended the talk after an exchange of views indicated that neither side had changed in its determination regarding the fisheries problem.

Mr. Togo was reported to have warned the Soviet Foreign Affairs Commissar that the proposed auction of the fishery lots would have a "bad effect" on Soviet-Japanese relations. It was understood that he had received no new instructions from Tokyo, however, and his interview was not believed to have involved any ultimatum to the Soviet Union.

The auction of the fishery lots is to be held at Vladivostok.—United Press.

Mexican Oil Parleys Continue

Mr. Richberg May Make Statement Soon

Mexico City, Mar. 14.

Mr. Donald Richberg, representing the Standard Oil Corporation, had an hour and a half discussion with General Lazaro Cardenas, the President of Mexico, today. Important topics were covered. The discussion was then adjourned until tomorrow.

Mr. Richberg said that if a conclusion was reached in the next two days, he would make a statement to end many unfounded rumours. He expects to leave for Washington next week. If necessary he will return to Mexico.—Reuter.

U.S. Tax Repeal Improbable

Undistributed Profits Levy Must Be Made Up Another Way If Cut

Washington, Mar. 15.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Mr. William B. Bankhead, Democrat of Alabama, said today that he doubted Congress would repeal the capital stock, undistributed profits and excess profits taxes.

He said that if a flat corporate tax were substituted, business would find itself carrying a greater burden than now. He doubted that any serious effort would be made to revise the tax laws during this session of Congress.

Meanwhile, President Roosevelt told the press that if Congress repeals the undistributed profits tax, it must revise the corporate income tax sufficiently so that the Government would suffer no loss in revenue.

Mr. Roosevelt said present tax discussion in Congressional circles centred round possible consolidation of existing corporate taxes into one levy. He said the question of how levies shall be distributed was being actively discussed.

What the Administration has in mind, Mr. Roosevelt said, is to consolidate the corporate tax so as to produce well above $1,000,000,000 in revenues. This, he said, would approximate the present yield of the various corporate taxes.—United Press.

DISABLED Japanese soldiers will be given short courses in teaching, followed by assignments to faculty posts in primary and middle schools, if plans projected by the Wounded Soldiers Protection Board in the Ministry of Welfare are approved, it was revealed in Tokyo. Priority rights in securing posts in the educational institutions will be granted to the soldier-teachers, according to a decision reached in a conference between Board authorities and the Education Ministry. Under the projected plan, the Board aims to accomplish a dual purpose. By employing ex-servicemen as teachers, it will furnish financial security to former members of the Japanese military forces while they could inculcate military valour and bravery into the minds of the school children, officials pointed out.

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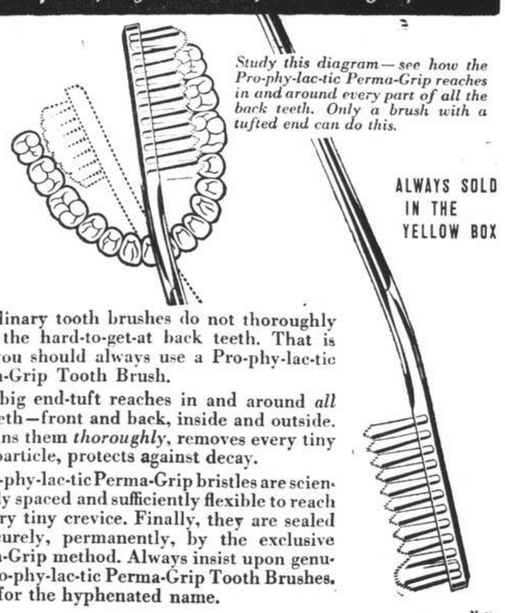

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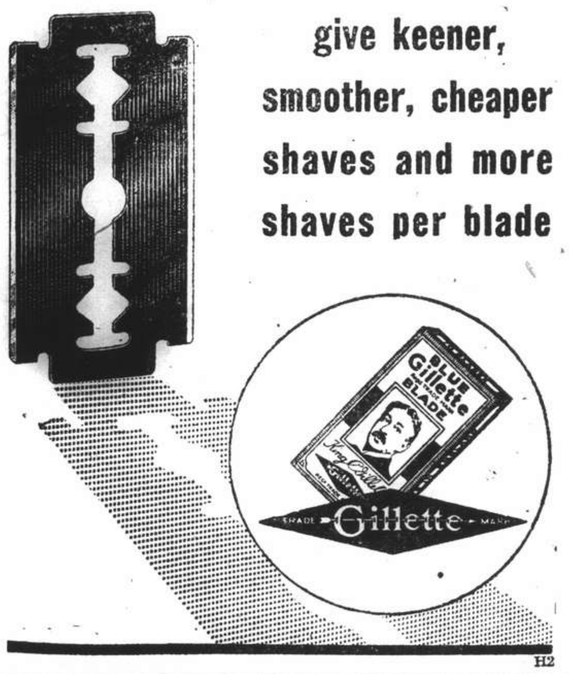

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LYLE.—On March 15, 1939, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, to ANNE CALDWELL, wife of Archibald Lyle, a daughter. -2-22

ENGAGEMENT

ROBERTSON—WARD.—The engagement is announced between CHRISTOPHER HENRY WILLINK ROBERTSON, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Robertson of Gayton House, Ashtead, Surrey, and JOAN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ward of Shanghai.

DEATHS

COLLIS.—At Victoria, B.C. on March 13, 1939, MARY CLAVERHOUSE, beloved wife of H. P. Collis and mother of Beth Harris (by cable). 11444

HARRIS.—On Monday, March 13, 1939, suddenly at her home in Shanghai, WILHELMINA ROSS, aged 37 years, widow of the late J. E. R. Harris, of Shanghai, and loving mother of Evelyn, Barbara and Rosemarie. Removed to parlours of the International Funeral Directors, 207 Kiaochow Road. Funeral services will be held tomorrow, Friday, March 17 at Bubbling Well Cemetery, at 4 p.m. 11456

IMPARTIAL NOT NEUTRAL

RELUCTANCE AND DELAY

At very long last the Council has felt itself obliged to let the ratepayers know what actually was the result of the negotiations which took place in connection with the Japanese demands arising out of the campaign of terrorism. It is believed that there was some sort of understanding between the authorities concerned that secrecy would be preserved as to what was happening, and while the Council seems to have adhered to the bargain, information, inaccurate in some minor respects, but substantially correct, was to be obtained from Japanese circles and even from Tokyo. Finally as stated in the announcement issued on Tuesday, in view of the misleading reports regarding the understanding recently reached between the Council and the Japanese authorities the former decided to make the situation quite clear. Whether the Council was well advised in agreeing in the first place to secrecy is debatable. It is possible to conceive instances where the completest reticence is desirable, but if that cannot be obtained, if for some reason or other sufficient information gets abroad to permit of garbled reports and wild rumour, then it is clearly the duty of the Council to reveal the actual state of affairs as speedily as possible. This latest announcement which it has made is welcomed as a perfectly correct step to have been taken in the circumstances; the only possible criticism is that it was taken so late. The policy of the Council with regard to publicity has never been entirely satisfactory. For many years past it has sought to cloud its deliberations in an altogether unacceptable mystery, and though when a Press Relations Officer was appointed in 1931 it was believed that a better system of publicity would be evolved, the virtual abolition of that office and the relegation of the incumbent's duties to an official in the Secretariat has practically brought about that state of affairs which caused the agitation leading to the appointment of a Commission to consider the whole matter some eight or nine years ago.

Penetration into the municipal arena by the representatives of the Press is a matter of very considerable difficulty, chiefly because the present policy of secrecy makes it necessary that journalists should know what to ask,—and that very generally means that they have a shrewd idea of what the answer will be,—knowledge which they have had to obtain by roundabout methods which serve to indicate how difficult it is, in view of the present composition of the Council, to maintain quite that airtight secrecy which it has been the consistent endeavour of the authorities to maintain. The information which the Council is prepared to volunteer to the public is generally weeks late, as witness the monthly departmental reports, which at the end of February or beginning of March serve to tell Shanghai what it was like, say, for example, in January. Information some weeks after the event, as to how many plants were laid out in the Public Parks, the state of Shanghai's health, the number of roadwidenings and the state of Shanghai's crime may prove of interest if published as closely as possible to the end of the period under review, but if that publication is unduly delayed the information ceases to have anything but a purely academical interest. It will be seen, therefore, that the two main failings of the Council's policy arise first from reluctance and secondly from delay. In the case of the announcement issued on Tuesday night with regard to the Council's negotiations with the Japanese authorities' incorrect reports appearing for the most part in newspapers in Japan have had uncontradicted currency for the eleven days between March 3, when the negotiations came to an end, and March 14 when the Council eventually broke its silence. It is apparent now that the Council's hand was forced by the untrue reports and rumours which had gained currency, and its hand having thus been forced after so long an interval, is it to be believed that those untruths will ever be overtaken?

The whole question assumes a complexion of greater seriousness in times such as these than under normal conditions. With the anxiety, which is inevitable, a rich breeding ground has been provided for "Bunders" which have never been entirely absent from the life of Shanghai. An impression was allowed to get abroad that in their dealings with the Japanese authorities the Municipal Council had made a complete and abject surrender. Shanghai knows now that such was not the case, and that a just and honourable compromise was arrived at which does infinite credit to the negotiating parties. But does the world at large know that? Will those papers carrying incorrect reports in Japan seek to modify the impression there which they made? The ordinary journalist knows the answer to both those questions. The negotiations in question are now old history, other and more important news is beseiging the columns of most newspapers in Japan as elsewhere, and the original falsehoods will continue to prevail. It is true that the general information was secured that the agreement did not in any way impair the integrity and independence of the Shanghai Municipal Police, but it is earnestly suggested that that was not sufficient, and that the statement issued on Tuesday night should have been made closer to the event with which it deals. It is not unfair to argue that this obsession for secrecy has brought about such a rigidity in the official mind that nothing sort of a charge of dynamite is sufficient to produce that flexibility which is necessary in dealing with a public so much on tenterhooks as any foreign community in China must necessarily be. Untrue rumours which it is in the power of the Council immediately to correct should not be left undenied one moment after currency has been ascertained. It is then, and only then that the truth stands a chance of overtaking the untruth, but even then the former suffers from a very considerable handicap. Yet even if the lie cannot be overtaken much of the anxiety it causes would be offset by the prompt publication of the real facts.

Military Difficulties

It has been said that the Abyssinian campaign was fought off the map because geographic knowledge of the country was so meagre that many of the places mentioned could not be found. In fact, Evelyn Waugh, in his satirical book on newspaper coverage of this campaign, managed to swing most of his action around a place which did not exist. It is hoped that in the unhappy situation developing in Central Europe a policy of appeasement will prevail because existing maps reveal an amazing complexity of nomenclature. Political developments have been so rapid that many places have dual names and most of them unpronouncable, to the Anglo-Saxon at least. Not far from Carpatho-Ukraine our old friend Przemysl, which created such a headache at the beginning of the Great War, looms ominously over place names and political personalities of even greater, complexity. Radio enthusiasts know of Bratislava for its powerful radio station but others know it as Pressburg. Chust—pronounced "Hoost"—the capital of Carpatho-Ukraine is not mentioned in the elaborate press maps issued during the September crisis of last year but its elevation to a capital is typical of the sweeping changes in Central Europe in the last few months and led to the decision of an American publishing house not to issue further maps of Europe for school purposes until the situation sufficiently clarifies to make a comprehension possible. But above all is General Prchala, the Czech Minister of Interior, who is reported to have been relieved of his office. The political circumstances of this act may be tragic but the ordinary observer can be pardoned if relief displaces sympathy in his passing. On another page will be found an English writer's impressions of the new Carpatho-Ukraine capital.

The Verge of Crisis

By the time these lines appear in print it will be known whether the Soviet authorities proceeded yesterday with their determination to auction the Russian fishing lots formerly leased to Japan. The auction was to be held in Vladivostok. On Tuesday the Russo-Japanese dispute concerning the fishery rights reached a climax when another conference took place between the Japanese Ambassador to Moscow, Mr. Shigenori Togo, and M. Litvinov, Commissar for Foreign Affairs. This ended in a deadlock, for it was apparent after an exchange of views that neither side had in any way modified its attitude with regard to this dispute. Mr. Togo is reported to have warned M. Litvinov that the proposed auction would have a bad effect upon Soviet-Japanese relations. He had, it is understood, received no new instructions from Tokyo, and it is not believed that his interview involved anything in the nature of an ultimatum. The situation now appears to be that if the Soviet Government has auctioned off the lots the Japanese will proceed to fish over them as they have done in the past, probably under the protection of naval vessels, some of which are reported to have already been stationed at Rashin in close proximity to Vladivostok. It will then remain to be seen what steps the Soviet will take both to protest those who have succeeded in renting the lots, and to prevent Japanese fishing as they have done in previous years. There is just the chance that no bids will be made, for it is apparent that anyone but Japanese taking them over will be merely asking for trouble involving, perhaps, not merely the loss of money, but possibly of life as well. There is always the possibility also of some untoward incident arising out of the whole matter which may involve the two countries in war. That is a contingency which Moscow has not appeared to fear so much as it did before, since the Khassan incident of last year, but it is clear that if she fails to take action calculated to prevent Japan's intention of fishing, no matter what happens, she will have received a diplomatic defeat the result of which would be by no means inconsiderable. There will be an interval between the actual auction and the departure of the vessels to the fishing grounds and it is possible that even at this late hour a compromise may be reached. The prospects do not appear very favourable, for with the granting of new leases to Japan one of the most important bargaining points which the Soviet has with which to secure payment of the outstanding balance of the purchase price of the Chinese Eastern Railway, and the desired closer adherence by Japan to certain provisions of the Treaty of Portsmouth will have been lost, at any rate for the time being.

Mr. Bridges Again

If the United States Congress does proceed with the impeachment of Miss Francis Perkins, Secretary of Labour, and two other officials on charges that they committed high crimes or misdemeanours by obstructing the deportation of Mr. Harry Bridges, Australian-born labour leader on the West Coast, they will be giving that gentleman a great deal too much prominence. At the moment all that has been done is to introduce into the House of Representatives a resolution calling for an investigation of the charges and to determine whether impeachment is warranted. Miss Perkins has taken the attitude of refusing to press for deportation until and when the accusations against Mr. Bridges are substantiated, or the Supreme Court rules whether membership of the Communist Party is a deportable offence. It is clear that rights of entry have been denied to aliens who have been well-known to be Communists, though this ban has not always been enforced. If, however, it is proved against Mr. Bridges that he and his followers have threatened Miss Perkins with violence there should really be no difficulty in securing his deportation, provided sufficient evidence is available. He could be brought to trial, convicted, and then deported. If on the other hand Miss Perkins has refrained from carrying out her obvious duties by reason of any political opinions she may hold herself, then she has obviously proved herself unfit to hold office and should be impeached, though support of the matter by the Dies Committee, of which the White House has no very high opinion, may result in the whole thing being shelved. That there is a considerable section of American politicians who view the activities of Mr. Bridges with considerable dissatisfaction is clearly demonstrated, though the average outsider will wonder how it has been possible for that agitator to have extended his residence beyond the normal period for alien visitors until it appears to have become almost a permanency.

IN PARENTHESIS

Too Much of Him

"Do you see much of your husband?"
"About an hour a day."
"Oh, but what a shame!"
"Well, my dear, an hour soon passes."

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Alternative

"Cook, I warned you, no followers, yet you were entertaining that policeman in the kitchen last night——"
"Well, of course, mum, if you'd rather 'ave burglars in the drawingroom."

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Step in

A YOUNG man opened the door of a crowded railway carriage. "Is this Noah's Ark?" he asked sarcastically.
"Yes," came the reply, "and we're just awaiting the ass. Come right in."

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Where the Wicked Slip

THE roads were icy, and an elder of the kirk had lost his footing and was struggling to rise when the minister came along.
"Ah, John," he remarked, facetiously, "the wicked walk in the slippery places."
"So I see," replied John drily. "But I canna manage it."

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Sizes

AN Englishman staying on the 50th floor of an American skyscraper looked out of the window and saw what he thought was a threepenny bit.
He ran down the stair to the next floor and it looked like a six pence. On the next floor it looked like a shilling, and on the next a half-crown.
He took the lift to the foot, ran out, and found—a dustpan lid!

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Heard in Court

Defendant: I was not drunk. It was the tests they put that made me look silly.

WITNESS: There is no doubt in my mind that the defendant was to blame, and I'm not saying that because of his looks.

Man: I was so surprised to see him that before I knew where I was I had bought him a drink.

Witness: He would not tell me what had happened, saying, "I am a married man now, therefore my tongue is not my own."

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Not Such Poor Fish

"WHITEBAIT," writes a cookery girl, "is fairly reasonable." This is heartening news. Let us be of good cheer. All is not lost says a writer.
I had thought—I admit it fully, frankly, freely—that whitebait were merely on the level of human intelligence. I had thought that their movements in great shoals were governed by the impassioned oratory of the Whitebait Leader himself, and reflected an emotional acceptance of the religion of whitebait purity.
Now it seems that these things are fairly well reasoned out, and represent a consensus of individual opinions.
So there may be still hope for democracy. Let us look out to sea where the whitebaits are.

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Boofuls Not Guilty

MR. Basil Boofuls made a brief appearance in the police court. He was charged with standing in the middle of Piccadilly Circus, and gesturing wildly in such a manner as completely to disorganize the traffic.
He tossed his head and pleaded not guilty.
Then he entered the witness-box and said: "I did think the constable...would....understand. It was a lovely day, and I simply stopped to blow kisses to the sky."
The magistrate buried his face in his hands.
"Surely your worship....understands?" said Mr. Boofuls.
"I do I do!" replied the magistrate in muffled tones. "Give this young gentleman a soft-centred chocolate and tell him he is discharged."
Whereupon all present burst into happy tears.

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Insp. Formby Investigates

INSP. Formby was half under the table playing a concerto on his ukulele when the door burst open and Beryl, his beautiful assistant, burst in.
"George," she burst out. (Always bursting one way or the other, is Beryl.) "There's a dead man in the dining-room!"
The Great Defective—pardon, the Great Detective—looked at her sharply.
"A tall, dark man?" he asked.
Beryl nodded. "Why, yes——"
"With a ginger moustache and egg-spots on his waistcoat?"
"Yes, yes!"
"Dressed in football shorts, brown boots, and a silk hat?"
Beryl nodded.
"Stabbed through the heart?" continued the G.D. smoothly. "And strangled with a shoelace?"
Beryl kept nodding. There was nothing else she could do.
Beryl nodded. "Dead as a door-nail."
"Is he dead?" asked Inspector Formby.
The inspector lit a fresh cigar. "I killed him," he said. "And stop nodding."
"You killed him?" said his assistant.
Yes. He insulted me."
"Insulted you?" echoed his assistant. "I didn't know that was possible."
The inspector peeled a banana with his soft, white hands. "He insulted me," he went on. "I was showing him that picture we had taken at Blackpool, with me sitting on your knee."
"Well?"
"He asked me who the ventriloquist was."
The inspector then rang up the police and offered to give himself up. The police refused to accept him.
—George Formby in the "Sunday Express."

THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

Yesterday	Min. 37.5	Max. 56.0
Same date, 1938	Min. 37.5	Max. 58.5

Rainfall nil.

Temperature at Siccawei:—

Yesterday	Min. 32.9	Max. 58.6
Same date, 1938	Min. 31.8	Max. 61.2

Siccawei's Report

State on the morning of the 14th:—Anticyclone over Siberia, Mongolia and China. Low pressures over the Kouriles. North-westerly to north-easterly breezes or winds over China and at sea. Fine to cloudy weather, overcast at places, in China and over the Yellow Sea; overcast over the Eastern Sea and Formosa.

State on the morning of the 15th:—Moderate anticyclone over China. Low pressures over the Kouriles.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Cloudy and sandy weather with winds from the southern quadrant over northern China. Cloudy, overcast at places with variable breezes over Central China, our regions and the Yellow Sea; with moderate northerly to north-easterly winds over the Eastern Sea and Formosa.—Siccawei Observatory.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

TO THE SALVATION ARMY

In memory of Mr. Fritz Schmuser:—
Peter, Eric and Margo $10.00

TO THE SHANGHAI SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Eric Moller $100.00

TO THE MINISTERING CHILDREN'S LEAGUE

In memory of Mrs. E. Barkus:—
Mr. and Mrs. C. Taylor $5.00

TO THE KING'S DAUGHTERS' SOCIETY

World Day of Prayer Collection. Feb. 24 $45.00

In memory of Mrs. E. Barkus:—
Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Large 5.00

German Army Occupying Bohemia and Moravia

Morale of Czech People Shattered By Final Blow; Populace in Tears

Prague, Mar. 15.

WHILE 5,000 defiant Czechs, with tears streaming down their cheeks, loudly sang the Czech national anthem in the city's main square and drowned the "heils" of Sudetens, German troops entered into Prague at 10.20 a.m. (5.20 p.m. Shanghai time) today. Although the city early this morning was swept by a snowstorm, the weather improved as the German troops neared the city and when they entered the main public square the sun broke through the clouds.

German troops first started entering the east city where the population watched in terror. Motor-cycle companies, comprising the vanguards of the main German column, entered the city without any resistance. They rode into the centre of the city quietly. Five thousand persons were massed so close together at the bottom of the public square that the German motor-cycle units could scarcely pass. The crowd spontaneously burst into the Czech national anthem as the Germans appeared. With tears streaming down their cheeks they sang the anthem again and again, their voices completely drowning the drone of the German motors.

The entry was made by a scouting force consisting of bicyclists who were followed by motor-cyclists with anti-tank guns.

The cyclists were armed with rifles slung across their shoulders. They also bore light machine-guns.

Entry into the city was made through the border near Melnik, twenty miles from Prague. Melnik is the nearest frontier point to Prague. There was a snowstorm shortly before 7 a.m. Military planes, believed to be German, heralded the advance of the German troops. The planes droned over the city at 8.30 a.m.

The crowd in the main public square hissed and cat-called the Germans after singing the national anthem. Some of the more hardy Czechs gave the closed-fist Communist salute. Isolated in the crowd at various points were Sudeten Germans who saluted the troops in the approved Nazi manner. They also threw little bouquets of violets.

Simultaneously with the entry of the troops, the snowstorm ceased and the sun broke through the clouds.

Fist Fights Suppressed

Fist fights broke out, but they were quickly halted by the police. Trucks with loudspeakers attached to them drove through the town and the warnings broadcast at 7 a.m. by the Prague radio station were repeated.

"People of Czecho-Slovakia," the announcements said, "this morning at 6 o'clock German soldiers occupied our Fatherland. You can best serve Fatherland by maintaining perfect quiet—not one incident or one outward act. Maintain calmness when you see the swastikas raised as they will be raised over the city."

Sudetens in the meanwhile openly and unchallenged appeared on the streets wearing prohibited Swastika arm bands. German flags also appeared on scattered private houses.

The city's activities were normal, although there were a few traffic jams. Crowds also jammed the banks and the travel bureaux which were unable to offer any guaranteed assistance.

One train left for Paris at 10 a.m. but nobody knew whether it would get through. Many of its desperate occupants, mainly wealthy Jews, feared arrest when they would be forced to cross German territory on their way to Paris.

City Submits Quietly

Prague took the new defeat, after the minor outburst in the main square, with resignation and not like a city with a thousand-year history and which had suffered long and extensive sieges by warring armies.

At first there were signs of panic. Then, throughout the early morning hours prior to the entry of the German troops, a large number of the people hurried to work or just stood round hopelessly. Others rushed to shoe shops, tailors, department stores, tea and coffee shops—anywhere where they could purchase something tangible which might be very necessary later on.

Large German Forces Used

The first German columns, led by powerful tanks, crossed the northern frontier of Moravia today following the advance of another column from Austria which occupied Pilsen. The total number of German troops on Czech soil could not be accurately estimated but was believed to be between 350,000 and 500,000. This number was known to be available for occupation purposes.

While the Germans were converging on Prague, Hungary also sent her troops across the Czech border. Hungarian troops were within ten miles of their goal of establishing a common frontier with Poland.

The occupation of Czech territory by German forces completely demoralized the local population. Thousands were trying to get away to anywhere. Others, who fear the new "protectors," went into hiding.

Streets which were deserted throughout the night near morning became unusually animated. The majority of the people apparently soon realized that they had nowhere to go as the Germans were expected to enter perhaps on every side.

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Doom of Czechs Proclaimed

German Fuehrer Gives Reichswehr Marching Orders, Explanation

Berlin, Mar. 15.

"Czechoslovakia is breaking up," Herr Hitler stated in a proclamation to the German Army this morning.

"An intolerable persecution against Germans is taking place in Bohemia and Moravia," the Fuehrer added. "I have therefore decided that on March 15, 1939, the German army will enter Czech territory to ensure the safety, lives, and belongings of all the inhabitants of that country. I expect every German soldier to act towards the residents of the occupied territories not as an enemy but as a German representative entrusted with establishing order which will be acceptable in those territories. If you find that you are being resisted anywhere, you must crush that resistance by every means. You must remember that you are the representatives of our Great Germany on Czech soil."

Czechoslovakia Ceases

Czechoslovakia has ceased to exist" Herr Hitler stated early this morning in a proclamation to the German people.

"A few months ago, Germany was compelled to protect the German minorities in Czechoslovakia against an intolerable state of terror," the Fuehrer stated in his proclamation. "The same incidents took place during the past few weeks. The reaction of ethnical groups in Czechoslovakia led them to become separated from Prague. Czechoslovakia has therefore ceased to exist. Since Sunday, violent repression took place in several districts. Hour by hour, calls for help were raised by the persecuted groups. German refugees were fleeing to the Reich with all their belongings. The continuation of such a state of affairs would have led to the destruction of order in a country where its maintenance is most vital for Germany and which has belonged to the German Reich for more than a thousand years.

To Disarm Terrorists

"To discard this danger and to create necessary conditions for the restoration of a new order in this vital space, I have decided to send German troops into Bohemia and Moravia to disarm the terrorists and the Czech forces who are protecting them. The German troops will protect the lives of all those threatened and will establish the necessary conditions for a fundamental settlement, in conformity with the historical rights and practical needs of the German and Czech nations."

The German Propaganda Minister, Dr. Joseph Goebbels, read the proclamation over the radio this morning, and informed the German people of the negotiations between the Fuehrer and the Czech President, Dr. Emil Hacha.

Complete Assimilation

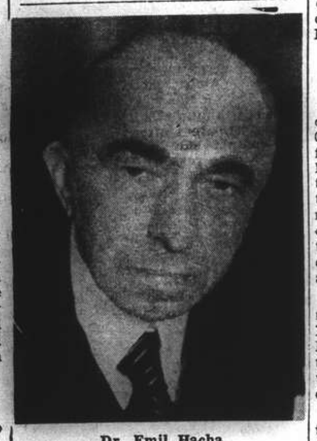
It is learned from a reliable source here that Bohemia and Moravia will become politically a part of the Reich. They may benefit from local administrative and cultural autonomy within the limits of the National-Socialist theories but the question of their becoming independent states cannot be contemplated as Czechoslovakia has ceased to exist as a nation.

The Swastika flag will become the national emblem of the two provinces which will have no diplomatic representatives abroad. Jews in Bohemia and Moravia will be treated like their co-religionists in Germany.

"The German occupation will be correct but the German troops will repress brutally any attempt at resistance," it was asserted. Any measures taken, it was added, will naturally result from the people's right of self-determination and the protection they ask for from the Reich.

Referring to Slovakia, it was stated that it is an independent state to which Germany will send a diplomatic representative. However, as there is a large percentage of Germans living there, "the situation will be settled in accordance with the vital necessities of the new state."

Regarding Ruthenia, it is understood that Germany is not willing to take into consideration the request for help sent by the authorities there, as Germany is of the opinion that this problem is of no interest to Berlin but must be settled by Hungary, who has "a free hand."—Havas.



Dr. Emil Hacha
Czecho-Slovak President

U.S. Government to Sell Ships

Washington, Mar. 15.

The Federal Maritime Commission announced today that it was offering for sale or charter twelve cargo vessels of the Government-owned America Pioneer Line now operating to the Far East, India and Australia.—United Press.

Czech Leaders Again Submit To Fuehrer

Dr. Hacha Entrusts Fate of Nation to Herr Adolf Hitler

Berlin, Mar. 15.

An agreement whereby the fate of Czechoslovakia and the Czech people was handed over to Herr Adolf Hitler was signed here at 3.55 a.m. this morning by the Fuehrer, and Dr. Emil Hacha, President of Czechoslovakia, and the Czech Foreign Minister, Dr. Frantisek Chvalkovsky, following a lengthy conference in Berlin.

A communique released after the meeting stated that "both parties expressed their desire for order and peace in Central Europe," and furthermore President Hacha declared that, in order to reach a complete pacification, he handed over to Herr Hitler, with full confidence, the fate of the Czech people and their country."

"Herr Hitler accepted and expressed his determination to take the Czech nation under the protection of Germany, and his intention to ensure the autonomous development of Czechoslovakia in accordance with its proper character", the communique adds.

Bohemia, Moravia Absorbed

Herr Hitler received Dr. Hacha in the new Chancellery building at 11 p.m. They conferred for about three quarters of an hour, following which Dr. Hacha withdrew to confer with M. Chvalkovsky and with Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister. He returned after a short interval and resumed his talk with the Fuehrer, which ended in the agreement being signed at 3.55 a.m.

According to well-informed quarters, Bohemia and Moravia will be considered henceforth as an enclave of the Reich, with some degree of administrative autonomy but without their own army or independent foreign policy.

The German Propaganda Minister, Dr. Goebbels, has invited the German population to beflag their residences on the occasion of the entry of German troops into Moravia and Bohemia.—Havas.

Czechs Ordered to Submit

Prague, Mar. 15.

During the meeting of the Council of Ministers early this morning, the Czech Premier, Dr. Rudolf Beran, informed the members that Herr Hitler, in his conference last night with the Czech President, Dr. Emil Hacha, told the President that it would be necessary for German troops to occupy Bohemia and Moravia, and therefore German soldiers would cross the frontier into Czechoslovakia at 6 a.m. this morning.

Dr. Beran explained that there was no alternative but to yield, President Hacha having to face the "German Diktat." He was compelled to write the proclamation to the Czech nation which declares that he handed Czechoslovakia over to Herr Hitler.

The Council of Ministers, realizing the impossibility of any resistance, decided to approve unanimously President Hacha's proclamation.

Military Considerations

According to well-informed quarters, Herr Hitler's decision was taken after a conversation with Field-Marshal Herman Goering and General Husarek. The Field-Marshal pointed out that Germany could not be compelled to immobilize an entire division so as to "neutralize" Czechoslovakia in the event of a European war. The Czech army will be disarmed gradually, following German occupation of Czechoslovakia.

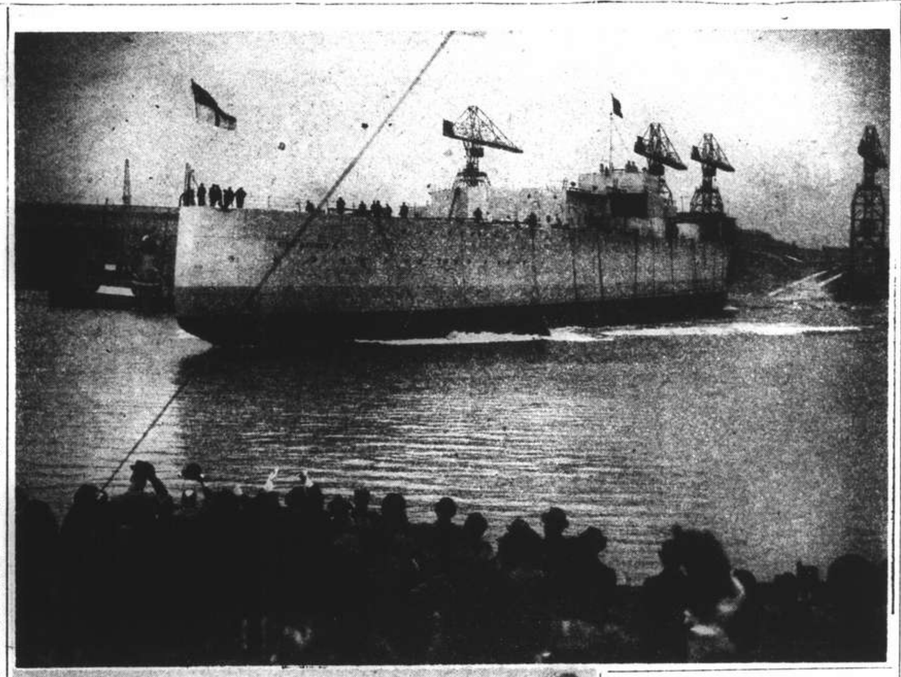
The official radio station here informed the population of the proclamation, requesting them to "Keep calm and wait for news."

"This morning at 6 a.m. the German Army crossed the frontiers of our state," the announcer added. "All of you, go to work and send your children to school. You can do nothing but receive the Germans. Soldiers must stay in their garrisons and give up their arms to the German Army without putting up any resistance."

The people were told that following President Hacha's conversation with Herr Hitler, Bohemia and Moravia will be occupied by German troops "who are pouring into our state from all sides with motorized units."

"The Government could do nothing but submit," the announcer continued. "Any resistance would have meant the end of the nation."

The population in the capital is completely bewildered by the events, but is remaining calm.—Havas.



King Launches Britain's Greatest Battleship

The King George V, latest of Britain's battleships, seen after the launch by King George VI at Walker-on-Tyne. She is a vessel of 35,000 tons, with a speed of more than 23 knots and heavily armed, and represents a new phase in British naval rearmament. Below, Their Majesties, all smiles, as the ship goes down the slipways.

Hungarian Troops Occupying All Carpathic Ukraine

Fresh Ultimatum Demands Surrender of Powers From Ruthenian Premier; Czech Forces Leave

Prague, Mar. 15.

THE Hungarian Army has completely occupied Carpathic-Ukraine without meeting with any resistance, a Slovak Government report announced this afternoon. Count John Esterhazy, leader of the Hungarian minority in Slovakia, today visited the Slovak Home Minister, M. Karel Sidor, in Bratislava, and told him that he had requested the Hungarian Government to guarantee the autonomy of Carpathic-Ukraine within the Hungarian state. Czech troops withdrew from Ukraine, coming back to Bohemia. Bratislava is at present negotiating with Prague regarding the passage of these troops through Slovakia.

The Czech Federal Government have accepted the one point of the four in the Hungarian ultimatum which demanded the withdrawal of Czech troops from Carpatho-Ukrainian territory, it was announced here early this morning. Orders were accordingly given General Prchala, head of the Czech General Staff.—Havas.

Budapest, Mar. 15.

The Hungarian ultimatum to Carpathic-Ukraine gives the country until 3 p.m. tonight G.M.T. (or 4 a.m. tomorrow Shanghai Time) for Mgr. Augustin Volosin, the Premier of the Ruthenian Government, to surrender all authority.

Hungary claims to have received an appeal for aid from the Central National Committee of Ruthenia, asking Hungary to intervene and restore order.

Hungarian troops, advancing through Ruthenia, are reported to have reached a point twelve miles from the Polish border. They are expected to join hands with the Poles at 6 p.m. today G.M.T. (or 2 a.m. tomorrow Shanghai Time).

An unconfirmed report states that Mgr. Volosin has appealed to Herr Hitler for help against the Hungarians.—Reuter.

German Troops Recalled

Bratislava, Mar. 15.

The German troops which were ordered to march towards Carpathic-Ukraine have been recalled to Zilina, in Northern Slovakia, which they occupied.—Havas.

Budapest Not Satisfied

Budapest, Mar. 15.

Prague's answer cannot be considered as satisfactory,—such was the intimation received by Havas in official circles here, when the news of Prague's acceptance to withdraw Czech troops from Carpatho-Ukraine was learnt here.

Hungary will press for the enforcement of the three other points mentioned in the ultimatum, and notably for the right of Hungarian protective organizations in Carpatho-Ukraine to possess necessary arms.

The report that German troops occupying Czechoslovakia are at present heading towards Carpathic-Ukraine was denied here today.

Authoritative quarters assert that the occupation of Ruthenia by the Hungarian Army is progressing satisfactorily, and expect that Hungarian soldiers will shake hands with their Polish colleagues along the frontier within a few hours.

German personalities here assert that Germany fully approves of Hungary's attitude, and explain that if the report of German troop movements towards Ruthenia were true, it would be only because the Reich wishes to help the Hungarian army whose occupation of Carpathic-Ukraine might be too slow.

Complications Feared

However, well-informed quarters stated, complications of a political nature may arise following the entry of Hungarian troops into Ruthenia, particularly regarding the creation of a common frontier between Hungary and Poland.

General Vitez H. Sonyi, Commander-in-Chief of the Hungarian Army, has ordered the Czech military authorities in Carpathic-Ukraine to lay down their arms immediately.

General Prchla, leader of the Czech troops, had requested a delay of five days but General Sonyi refused the request.

Concession Not Raising Taxes

Rumours of Impending Increase in Rates Categorically Denied

Officials of the French Municipal Council categorically denied all rumours yesterday to the effect that certain taxes would be raised in the near future, pointing out that the budget for 1939 had been passed in December of last year and that the taxes which are being collected during the present fiscal year will be exactly the same as those collected during 1938.

According to the rumours current in various circles yesterday, a one per cent. surtax was to be added to the land tax whilst the tax on all cinema and theatre tickets was to be raised considerably.

"There is not an atom of truth in this rumour," a high official of the French Concession told a "North-China Daily News" representative yesterday, "and the question of augmenting taxes has never been raised at any time since the changes which are now in force were made."

British Captain Describes How He Defied Spanish Nationalists

Master of Bellwyn Signalled for Aid While Ignoring Warship's Demands Off Valencia

Gibraltar, Mar. 15.

One of the first detailed descriptions of how the British steamers Bellwyn and Stangate were stopped by Nationalist Spanish warships recently was given today by the Bellwyn's master, Captain Pearcy Evans.

"Reports were received that General Francisco Franco intended to fire on and sink all vessels in the vicinity of the Spanish coast," he said. "Thereupon three steamers decided to quit Valencia.

"The United States steamer Erica Reed left for Marseilles and the Bellwyn and Stangate for Gibraltar. When we were 23 miles north-west of Cape San Toninio, a Nationalist cruiser appeared and flashed searchlights on the Stangate and signalled her to proceed to Palma.

"The Stangate changed her course toward Palma. She had no wireless aboard. The cruiser then flashed the Bellwyn, instructing her to proceed in a similar direction. I acknowledged the message but continued along the course for Gibraltar.

"The nationalist cruiser," Captain Evans continued, "approached within 25 yards and through megaphones her officers shouted 'We will fire and sink you if you don't obey.'

"I again ignored the threats. Thereupon the cruiser came so close to our bows that we nearly collided. At the same time she fired a shot, but I continued, ignoring everything. I then sent a Morse message to the Stangate: 'I am not submitting but proceeding to Gibraltar. I have wirelessed for assistance.'

"I would have seen the Bellwyn sink rather than to surrender to a Franco ship," he concluded.—United Press.

Ichang Heavily Bombed

Americans Protest Damage To Property; Many Junks Destroyed in Yangtze

Ichang, Mar. 15.

Nine Japanese 'planes, in mass formation, heavily bombed the western and northern areas of Ichang yesterday at 2.35 p.m. Scores of houses were destroyed, while the casualties were one killed and 150 wounded. Foreign property was not affected.

Chinese reports claim that 40 houses were demolished in the bombing of Ichang, causing over a hundred casualties. Many junks on the Yangtze River are said to have been blown to bits.

The American Church Mission school building was destroyed in the course of yesterday's bombardment of Ichang by Japanese 'planes.—Reuter.

American Note

The American Consulate-General yesterday sent a communication to the Japanese Consulate-General in connection with the destruction of American property in Ichang by Japanese bombers last week. Questioned at the press conference yesterday, the Embassy spokesman declared that it was not in the nature of a protest, but merely drew the attention of the Japanese authorities to the affair. It will be recalled that the American Consular authorities in Hankow had registered a protest with the Japanese over the property destruction.

Guerillas Routed in Pearl River Delta

Japanese Anticipate Move During Rainy Season

Canton, Mar. 15.

Shuntak, 30 kilometres south of here, on the eastern part of the Pearl River Delta, was occupied by Japanese forces last Sunday afternoon, as mopping-up operations were resumed to counteract new guerilla activity launched to coincide with the beginning of the rainy season.

Three Japanese detachments effected landings at points west and northeast of the delta city, and launched a pincer drive upon Shuntak, dispersing Chinese forces until the city fell late in the afternoon, according to field dispatches reaching here yesterday.

Marking their first military activity, the Public Peace Volunteer Corps, comprised of Chinese youths, assisted by Japanese infantry and cavalry units, put to rout guerilla units at Henglangyu, 40 kilometres north of Canton, last Monday morning. Guerillas had been attempting to commandeer the local male civilian population.

Five hundred troops of the 157th division of the Chinese army were dislodged from their mountain position 15 kilometres northeast of Tapingyi, abandoning 50 dead in their flight, following Japanese operations begun early Monday morning, other field dispatches stated.—Domei.

No Rumanian Troops In Ruthenia

Ukrainian Premier Not Given Refuge

Bucharest, Mar. 15.

Authoritative quarters here denied that any Rumanian troops had entered Carpathic-Ukraine and occupied about twenty villages.

A large number of refugees from Carpathic-Ukraine arrived at the Rumanian frontier, but were stopped at the border. No decision as to whether they will be allowed to cross has been taken yet. It is rumoured that Mgr. Augustin Volosin, Premier of Carpathic-Ukraine, is among these refugees but this was officially denied here.

Rumania is following the situation in Central Europe with keen interest. King Carol conferred yesterday evening with his Foreign Minister, M. Gregor Gafencu, and the Premier, M. Armand Calinescu.

Well-informed quarters declare that Rumania is not thinking of opposing the events in Czechoslovakia as her policy is to refrain from taking a stand in any question which might jeopardize her safety at present and in the future.—Havas.

British Trade in February

London, Mar. 14.

United Kingdom exports in February were valued at £38,052,216 compared with £37,558,722 one year ago, while imports amounted to £65,515,512 against £75,793,898. The value of imports is the lowest for any month for more than two years.

Re-exports last month were valued at £4,772,323 against £5,527,706 in February 1938. For the first two months of this year, the fall in the value of imports compared with the corresponding period of 1938 is nearly £20,000,000 while the decline in exports is just £1,000,000.—Wireless through Reuter.

British Expeditionary Army May Be Needed in Holland

Possibility of Conflict in North-Western Europe Stressed in Commons Discussion

London, Mar. 14.

OPENING the report stage of the Army estimates in the House of Commons today, Mr. H. B. Lees-Smith, Labour member for the Keighley division of Yorkshire, expressed concern that in the conversations between the British and French Governments, no commitments, formal or implied, should be entered into which would prevent the British Government in the event of war, from exercising judgment as to the best use of the country's resources. He thought that the British and French views of the role of the British Army in a future conflict might differ and that the French might underestimate the important part the British Navy might again be called upon to play.

He started with the premise that defence on the Western front, at least, might enjoy superiority of as much as three to one and—given approximate equality in air strength—he came to the conclusion that the next war might be one of long duration, in which economic resources and power of blockade might be the final decisive factors. As far as the British field force was concerned, Mr. Lees-Smith indicated that, in his view, there might be other theatres in which, in the event of war, its presence might be more urgently required than in France.

In Holland, he said, anxiety was so great that Dr. Hendriks Collijn, the Prime Minister of the Netherlands, had asked the people to be calm. Threats against Denmark, he continued, had been more menacing than those previously directed against Czechoslovakia. There were other countries like Denmark, he went on, which were of importance to Great Britain and whose existence was in danger.

"It is the duty of our representatives," he declared, "to regard those countries as their responsibility because they are not participating in the discussions between the French and British Governments."

Such considerations brought him back to the question of whether collective thinking on problems of strategy would ever be satisfactorily achieved until service departments were fused into a Ministry of Defence.

Mr. Churchill Lauds War Secretary

Mr. Winston Churchill, who followed Mr. Lees-Smith, devoted his speech to congratulations—congratulations to the Secretary for War, Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, on his estimate speech last week and on his success in improving recruiting figures, and to the Government on its decision to:

1. Provide the Territorial Army with the same weapons and equipment as the Regular Army; and
2. Provide nineteen divisions for general service overseas should the occasion require it.

Mr. Churchill thought the provision of these divisions for general overseas service in time of need was a momentous one. He said:

"We have rarely heard anything so important from the Service department. It is the first instalment of Munich and I am afraid other drafts will be presented regularly during the greater part of our lifetime.

"It is a great pity that this statement was not made a year or two ago.

Possible Landings in Britain

Mr. Churchill asked for assurance that factories were being planned to make necessary supplies. He also emphasized the importance of draft finding units, especially for dealing with an enemy which might land in the country.

It was quite possible, he said, for several thousand men to be landed by aeroplane and there were important munition centres which might attract them.

Mr. F. J. Bellenger, Labour member for the Bassetlaw division of Notts, said that although recruiting had made great strides, it would be necessary to prepare the nation for a greater effort even than the provision of nineteen divisions for service overseas.

He wanted to know what the Government was proposing do to create that sense of national unity, which alone could provide the man-power and production that they would need to oppose totalitarian warfare.

Reich on War Footing

Captain W. S. Sanders, Labour member for North Battersea, urged that the fact to be borne in mind was that Germany was already on a war footing.

Major J. J. Astor, Conservative member for the Dover division of Kent, like Mr. Lees-Smith, drew attention to the apprehensions felt in certain countries in north-western Europe, to whom it might possibly be necessary to give assistance in time of war.

Mr. M. P. Price, Labour member for the Forest of Dean division of Gloucestershire, emphasized the importance of equipment in modern warfare and said that the size of the British armed forces mattered less than that they should be equipped with the most modern and efficient types of arms and on a sufficient scale.—Reuter.

Barkley Amendment Not Compulsory

Washington, Mar. 15.

Conferees in the Senate decided yesterday that they would not insist on inclusion of the Barkley Labour amendment in the national defence bill now pending before the Senate. The amendment would require all manufacturers of war materials for the Government to engage in collective bargaining with their employees.

Senate conferees said they would not insist on the amendment's inclusion because of their desire to "find a way for business recovery."—United Press.

Latest Exchange

The closing Interbank selling rates yesterday were as follows:

Sterling 8 11/16d. U.S.$ 16 1/32c.

LONDON METALS AND N.Y. CROSS RATE

London, Mar. 15.

Silver prices today remained unchanged today compared with yesterday's levels.

	Mar. 14	Mar. 15
London spot	20 5/8d.	20 5/8d.
" forward	20 7/8d.	20 7/8d.
" gold	148/3d.	148/5 1/2d.
London/New York:		
One pound	U.S.$4.6894	$4.6865
One U.S. dollar	51.179d.	51.210d.

—Reuter.

S. V. C. Guarding Council Building

Russian Regiment Platoon On Duty Day and Night; Rumours of Disturbances

One platoon of members of the Russian Regiment, S.V.C., consisting of one officer and 30 men, are guarding all the entrances to the S.M.C. Administration Building from 7 p.m. to 8 a.m. daily, the "North-China Daily News" learned yesterday.

The precautionary measure, it was understood, was first put into force at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, when 30 men were stationed at the various entrances, whilst the platoon which came on duty at 8 a.m. yesterday to relieve them, was quartered in the S.V.C. Gymnasium on the third floor of the Administration Building throughout the day. Another platoon, is standing by in barracks, at No. 6 The Bund and could be rushed to the scene of any possible disturbances within a matter of a few minutes.

Rumours current on Tuesday to the effect that disturbances were expected for that evening are understood to have prompted the Commanding Officer of the S.V.C. to take these precautionary measures, which, it was understood, will remain in force indefinitely.

Although no information was available on the subject, it was believed that these precautions were being taken in connection with the anti-terrorist campaign now in full swing. Last night, all entrances to the building were guarded.

Outstanding Spanish Debts to Britons

Negotiations to Start Soon for Payments

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 14.

Mr. Oliver Stanley, President of the Board of Trade, stated in the House of Commons today that it was the Government's intention to endeavour to negotiate a comprehensive arrangement regarding outstanding Spanish debts to British creditors as soon as circumstances permitted.

Mr. Stanley revealed to the House that additional storage had been constructed for Government food reserves.—Reuter.

U.S. State Department Backs Pittman Bill

Solidarity of Western Hemisphere Fostered

Washington, Mar. 15.

The State Department announced its support yesterday of the Pittman Bill which would permit the United States Army and Navy to build military and naval armaments, including warships, for South American Republics.

Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State who announced the State Department's support of the Pittman Bill, said it was believed the act would "foster the growing spirit of solidarity" in the Western Hemisphere and would contribute to national defence.—United Press.

Mr. Coogan and Mother Settle Dispute

Boy Actor to Divide His Fortune

Hollywood, Mar. 14.

Jackie Coogan, famous motion picture actor, and his mother, Mrs. Lillian Bernstein, have agreed to divide the remainder of his screen fortune equally and terminate their law suits in local courts, it was learned today.

The settlement would end the former child actor's suit against his mother and foster father in which he attempted to gain control of the huge fortune he amassed in his boyhood.

The Coogan estate, once valued at $5,000,000, has shrunk to approximately $250,000 which will be divided between Mr. Coogan and his mother, it was reported.—United Press.

Kidnapping Suspects Seized

Holding up a motor car on Avenue Joffre, near Route Say Zoong last night a French police party arrested the five occupants of the car and seized one pistol and 10 rounds of ammunition.

The seized men were taken immediately to the French Police Headquarters, where they were interrogated by detectives. It is believed that the men have been concerned in several kidnapping crimes, perpetrated recently, and with several other outrages in the French Concession and Settlement areas. At a late hour last night the men were still being questioned.

Britain Makes Demarche in Berlin on Latest Coup

France Also Expected to Protest Against Czech Dismemberment; Bitter Comments

London, Mar. 15.

GREAT Britain has made a demarche concerning the entry of German troops into Czechoslovakia, learns Reuters Diplomatic Correspondent. It is regarded here as probable that France will take a similar step.

It is learned that, during the recent events in Central Europe, there have been close contacts between the British Minister in Prague, Mr. Cochrane-Newton, C.M.G., and Czech officials. The Czechs are understood to have made no request for advice to the British Government.

The attitude of the British Government towards the Central European situation was defined by the Premier, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, in the House of Commons today.

Mr. Chamberlain said that the Government having failed in its recent endeavour to achieve agreement with other Munich signatories, Britain regarded the guarantee obligation as no longer binding upon these signatories. He said that he "could not believe that anything of the kind now done by Germany was contemplated by any Munich signatory."

For the first time, Mr. Chamberlain went on, Germany was in military occupation of a people with whom she had no racial connections. "This," the Premier stressed, "cannot fail to be the cause of disturbance in the international situation."

The Bank of England has been instructed to retain, for the present, the £6,750,000 which represented part of the British credit of £10,000,000 to be allocated to Czechoslovakia, declared Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, in the House of Lords today. These credits, be added, had hitherto not been drawn upon.

Great Britain, he also declared, has informed Germany that the present moment is not appropriate for the projected visit of Mr. R. S. Hudson, the Secretary for Overseas Trade, to Berlin.

Occupation of Prague by German troops before noon today, and the announcement that Czechoslovakia's new status is the German "Protectorate of Czechy" were the climax to events today so swift and dramatic that people all over the world were left stunned and seemingly stupefied.

Reports reaching here do not make it clear what time the German troops began their march, but a spokesman for the Czech Government declared yesterday with tears in his eyes that "German troops will enter Czech territory at 5 a.m."

The Czechoslovak Government, according to official circles in what was yesterday the Czechoslovak capital, had no alternative but to surrender.

German wireless transmissions have already begun from Prague, and they end with the words "Heil, Hitler." A German wireless transmission from Prague invited the German population to prepare for a "fitting welcome for the troops."

In addition to Prague, the German troops today occupied Pilsen, Ilmutz and the fortress of Therestenatadt, where the troops allowed Czech officers to keep their arms. German police followed the troops on their triumphal march, and took charge following the occupation of the various districts.

Decision Premeditated

It was admitted in Berlin today that orders for the advance of the German Army into Czechoslovakia were given even before Dr. Emil Hacha, the Czech President, had reached Berlin for his conversations with Herr Hitler.

Dr. Hacha and his party left Berlin after their conference with the German leader had been concluded, shortly after 3 (G.M.T.) this morning. Dr. Hacha looked very grave as he drove away, and he declined to make any statement.

After the conversations had been concluded, Herr Hitler left Berlin at 7 a.m. (G.M.T.) today by train. Official circles refused to reveal his destination.

An official communiqué issued at the conclusion of the conference at the Chancellery declared that Germany had taken the Czech people under the protection of the Reich and that the autonomous development of the Czech national life would be "guaranteed by the Reich."—Reuter.

Paris, Mar. 15.

Apprehension at Germany's new blow is the dominant note in press speculation as to whether Herr Hitler will now turn to the East or to the West, and whether Signor Mussolini will now present claims against France.

"It all seems a scurrilous farce," declares "Le Figaro." "Is this the solution Poland was hoping for? Hungary will feel the weight of a powerful neighbour more heavily, as Italy will in the future."

"Le Matin" asks why Britain and France should intervene when the neighbours of Czechoslovakia are not moving. "Petit Parisien" states that France cannot view events in Central Europe with indifference. "Berlin," the paper states, "should not forget the formal promises made at Munich not to attack the integrity of the new Czechoslovakia."—Reuter.

Inconsistent with Munich

London, Mar. 15.

"Even though it may now be claimed that what has taken place in Czechoslovakia has the acquiescence of the Czech Government, I cannot but regard it as inconsistent with the spirit of the Munich agreement," Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, stated in the House of Lords this afternoon.—Havas.

Extortion Suspects In Court

Bath House Proprietors In Mahjongg Quarrel; Two Copper Workers Arrested

Four suspects were brought before the First Special District Court yesterday in connection with two attempted extortion cases in which the criminals tried to force their intended victims to pay large sums of money under threat of death. In view of the fact that more investigations were necessary in order to frame charges, the police asked the court to postpone the hearing, which request was granted.

In one of the cases two massage bath house managers were involved. One of them charged the other with having written extortion letters to him demanding $300. He reported the matter to the Louza police and at a place specified in the letter, the other bath house manager was arrested. Through his alleged confession the alleged letter writer was also arrested, but they all denied that they had anything to do with the extortion. They were released on bail.

It was revealed in court that both bath house managers who do their business in the same street, Yu Ya Ching Road, have been good friends, but during a recent mahjongg game they became unfriendly, as one of them charged the other with winning money from him with a secretly marked mahjongg set. He refused to pay part of the money which he lost in the game.

The other case concerned the manager of a copper work shop and two workers whom he dismissed sometime ago. The latter were arrested recently by the Sinza Police on suspicion that they had written extortion letters to the intended victim, Mr. Kuo Hsueh-yang, who has a shop in Penang Road.

The two dismissed workers were arrested near Hart Road and on their person an extortion letter containing a bullet was found. They were suspected to be sending the letter in which $10,000 was demanded. In court yesterday they mentioned a man who is still at large as the instigator.

Wrecked Eurasia Plane Found

Forced Down Near Border Of Szechuen, Yunnan; Pilot Known to Be Injured

Chungking, Mar. 15.

It is authoritatively learned here that the missing Eurasia 'plane has been found in Kweichow province, near the Yunnan-Szechuen border. Details are not yet available, except that the pilot was injured.

It is now learned that Mr. Tang Kwan, Hongkong manager of the Central Bank, who was at first reported to have been a passenger, was not actually travelling in the 'plane at the time. One passenger in the machine, however, it is understood, was connected with the Bank of China.

The 'plane, although it originally belonged to the Eurasia Aviation Corporation, had recently been purchased by the Ministry of Communications.

It was established this morning, after exhaustive enquiries, and also searches from the air by 'planes from Chungking, Kunming and Kweiyang, that the machine carried a crew of four, and also four passengers.

The crew comprised a pilot, co-pilot, wireless operator and mechanic, all of whom were Chinese.

Of the four passengers, two boarded the 'plane at Chengtu, and two at Chungking.

The accident occurred at 4.7 p.m. on the afternoon of March 12, when the last distress message was received from the machine.

It was believed that the Eurasia 'plane had been forced to land in the mountains to the south of Sufu, and to the north of Hsuanchen.

It was estimated prior to the news of the whereabouts of the machine that it would take at least three to five days before the survivors could reach the nearest telegraph office.—Reuter.

German Army Occupying Bohemia and Moravia

(Continued from page 7)

The morale of the Czech people, which stood up well during the September and October crisis, was completely shattered by the latest events.—United Press.

Slovak "Permission" Sought

Bratislava, Mar. 15.

The German Army has asked the Slovak Foreign Minister, M. Ferdinand Durcansky, for permission to occupy the Moravia-Slovakia frontier in order to protect the flanks of the German Army at present occupying Moravia.

According to the Slovak press agency, the Germans did not wait for a reply but proceeded to occupy the frontier forthwith.—Havas.

Czech Airfields Seized

Berlin, Mar. 15.

During their occupation of Bohemia and Moravia today, German troops seized several Czech airports and military planes, the headquarters of the German Army announced here today. German troops, it was added, reached Iglau at 10.15 a.m. today.

The Czech President, Dr. Emil Hacha, and the Foreign Minister, Dr. Frantisek Chvalkovsky, left for Prague by train at 11 a.m. this morning.—Havas.

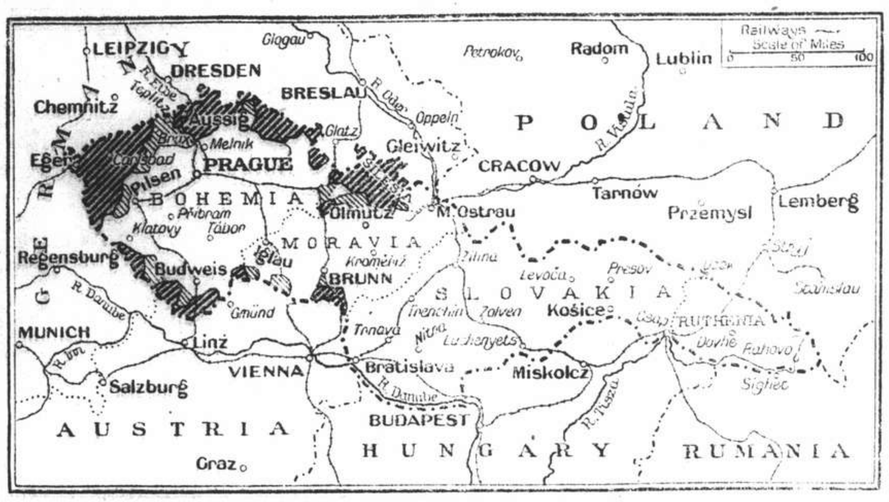
Il Duce Said Ready To Voice Demands

Rome, Mar. 15.

Signor Benito Mussolini was reported preparing to voice Italy's "natural aspirations" today as the New Czech crisis centred attention of the entire world on central Europe.

Political quarters here attached importance to tomorrow's Council of Ministers meeting which is expected to discuss Italy's territorial demands in the light of new developments in Czechoslovakia following the Coronation of the New Pope.

The death of Pope Pius XI was believed to have been one of the major factors in delaying Sr. Mussolini's territorial demands on Britain and France for so long.—United Press.



German Army Occupies Bohemia and Moravia

German Army motorized advance columns have reached Prague, capital of the Czech Federation, now dissolved. German troops will occupy all Bohemia and Moravia, thus absorbing all purely Czech territory. Slovakia has proclaimed its independence and will be autonomous under German protection. Carpathic Ukraine had also proclaimed its independence of the Czech Federation and had asked for German protection, which was refused and Hungarian troops are now occupying all Ruthenian territory to extend the Hungarian borders to the Polish frontier. Deeply shaded portions shown in the map represent the purely Sudeten German areas previously occupied by the German Army under the terms of the Munich Agreement.

THE CINEMA

"Empress Wu Chieh-tien"

Empress Wu Chieh-tien	Violet Koo
Empress Wong	Hwa Hsia
Emperor Kao Tsung	Ying Siu-shing
Lady Han Kwo	Wong Nan-song
Shang Kwei Wai-er	Rainbow White
Hsueh Huan-yee	Han Lang-kung
Wu Sang-shin	Tang Jee
Wu Zung-shih	Chuang Tze-chen
Shang Kwei-yee	Jang Hsiu
Prince Chieh	Sung Tsing
Lady-in-waiting	Janet Chao
Eunuch	Liu Chee-chung
Chang Chong-tsung	Liu Ngai
Chang Yeh-tze	Chin Yih-tang

Twelve hundred years ago, when the great Tang dynasty filled the Dragon throne, a cute little attendant in the Imperial palace caught the eye of her Royal master and was established in a suite of rooms with attendants of her own. When the Son of Heaven died, the first thought of the Court ladies was vengeance on the upstart maidservant, and she was immured for life in a nunnery. They little guessed how dearly they were to pay for this outburst of spite.

The succeeding monarch had also taken note of little Miss Wu and soon found out where she was. In less than no time, she was back at Court and a greater favourite than ever, but this time she was taking no chances. It was not difficult to convince her new lover that his women were plotting against him or to rouse his fears to such an extent that he permitted his No. 1, concubine to have them all strangled. Soon afterwards, Miss Wu was proclaimed Empress.

Then this monarch died, also, and a lad too young to succumb to her charms ascended the Throne. Him she murdered as a prelude to her own assumption of the Imperial title in her own name—Wu Chieh-tien—the first and last Chinese woman ever to achieve the position. And there, despite plots and revolts, she remained until, in her extreme old age, she handed the power down to her son.

This, briefly, is the historical background behind the spectacular Chinese drama, "Empress Wu Chieh-tien", which opened yesterday to three packed houses at the Metropol.

Produced on an even more grandiose scale than its predecessor, "The Sable Cicada," "Empress Wu" is easily the best historical romance ever to leave a Chinese studio. The cast, headed by Miss Violet Koo, are all good in their roles; crowds have been well-drilled and lines are intelligently spoken; there are some exceedingly thrilling moments, particularly the huge conflagration that destroys the entire palace; the coronation scenes are also well-done.

When the Chinese film industry learns how to light its sets adequately and to develop and print its negatives in a manner comparable with the work done elsewhere, its pictures are going to play a part in international entertainment they cannot expect to do under present conditions. "Empress Wu" is in the Mandarin dialect, but a number of English subtitles put the story over for those unacquainted with the language.—W.H.

"The Return of the Scarlet Pimpernel"

Sir Percy Blakeney	Barry K. Barnes
Marguerite, his wife	Sophie Stewart
Theresia Cabarrus	Margaretta Scott
Jean Tallien	James Mason
Chauvelin	Francis Lister
Sir Andrew Ffoulkes	Anthony Bushell
Lord Hastings	Patrick Barr
Lord (Harry) Denning	David Tree
Sir John Selton	John Counsell
Robespierre	Henry Oscar
De Calmet, his secretary	Hugh Miller
Judge of the Tribunal	Allan Jeayes
De Marre	O. B. Clarence
Chief of the Police	George Merritt

"They've done it again, they've turned out a fine picture", said a member of the audience at the Cathay Theatre yesterday at the conclusion of the showing of "The Return Of The Scarlet Pimpernel", which opened yesterday, and the reviewer is inclined to side with the person who made this remark, for this new British production is excellent in every respect, a thing which, unfortunately, only too seldom can be said of the efforts of the young but ambitious British motion-picture industry. "The Return Of The Scarlet Pimpernel" has only one slight draw-back, namely that it was not produced in technicolour, for, had this been done, the enjoyment which the reviewer, and no doubt the vast majority of the audience, would have derived from it, would have been considerably heightened. The story is excellent—thrilling as a matter of fact—and the acting of Mr. Barry K. Barnes, Miss Sophie Stewart, Miss Margaretta Scott and Mr. James Mason, could not have been better. Photography, sound and other technical details were as good as those seen in the best Hollywood products, whilst the tremendous cast, and the continental directing technique just gave the picture that little something which makes it stand out from the usual picture shown in Shanghai.

"Popular Science" and a "short" on feminine sports, round out a programme which will definitely be placed on the "must" list by all those interested in a really good—maybe outstanding would be a better word—British picture, probably one of the best ever shown here.—A.S.I.

Last Days of Czecho-Slovakia Counted in Crucial Events

Irredentist Movements Within Federal State Played Against Each Other by Herr Hitler

Paris, Mar. 15.

DISAPPEARANCE of Czechoslovakia as an independent state did not surprise political observers here who pointed out that the surrender of Czechoslovakia to the Reich which took place today, was the logical outcome of the Anschluss a year ago and of the developments of last September, which marked the beginning of the break-up of the state created after the World War by the late President Thomas Garrigue Masaryk.

Methods adopted by Chancellor Hitler in wiping out Czechoslovakia from the map of Europe were exactly similar to those he followed during the latest crises experienced by Central Europe in spring and autumn of last year in the skilful exploitation of extremist movements within the state whose virtual annexation to the Reich he contemplated. Developments in Czechoslovakia during the past week showed that while the Reich was supporting separatist minorities both in Slovakia and in Carpathic Ukraine, the Czechoslovak Central Government in Prague was making last desperate attempts to preserve the remnants of Czechoslovakia's independence.

On March 7 the President of Czechoslovak Republic, Dr. Emil Hacha, realizing the dangers of Pan-Ukrainian agitation and wishing to reinforce the position held there by the Czechs, dismissed the Carpatho-Ukrainian Minister of Communications, M. Julius Revay, and effected a reshuffle of the Volosin Cabinet, at Chust.

On March 10 the Czech Resident decided on similar action in Slovakia. Prague's ultimatum to Bratislava demanded a solemn declaration of loyalty to the union with the Czechs. But, as the Slovakian Government was playing for time, Prague resorted to a decisive action: a Czech motorized division occupied the main strategical points in Slovakia, the Czech police arrested the leader of Slovak separatists, M. Sano Mach, and a new Slovak Government was formed, comprising ministers appointed by Prague.

Since March 10, developments progressed rapidly while the Reich was preparing a new intervention in Czechoslovak affairs. Several members of Dr. Josef Tiso's Slovak Autonomous Government deposed by Prague sought refuge in Berlin, asking for help and protection of the Reich.

Crucial Decisions

On the same day, the Reich decided not to recognize the new Slovak Government and to consider still legal the Ministry headed by Dr. Josef Tiso which was dismissed by Prague. Meanwhile, violent anti-Czech riots occurred at Bratislava and other Slovak towns, staged by separatists who demanded the return of the Tiso Government.

On March 11 the former Slovak Labour Minister, M. Ferdinand Durcansky, in a speech broadcasted from Vienna, violently attacked the Czechs, accusing them with the design to frustrate the Slovakians of their right to autonomy. At the same time, leaders of the German minority in Slovakia held several mass meetings demanding Germans to join their Slovak brethren and safeguard a free Slovak state.

On March 12 while calm was being restored in Slovakia, large quantities of German arms and ammunition were brought there by members of the local German party.

German Press Campaign

On March 13 the German press was playing up "Czech terror" in Slovakia, asserting that the new Slovak Premier had lost control of the situation and claiming for Slovaks the right of self-determination.

On the same day Dr. Tiso, former Slovak Premier, arrived in Berlin for an eleventh-hour conference with the Reichsfuehrer during which the latter's decision concerning Slovakia was taken and formally communicated to the Czechoslovak President Dr. Emil Hacha, on the next day.

On March 14 from Berlin came the first reports of the massing of German motorized troops at Dresden, Leipzig and Vienna, along the Czech border, which action practically sealed the fate of the whole Republic.—Havas.

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Slovakian Cabinet Thanks Fuehrer

People of New Free State Apathetic to Independence Move

Bratislava, Mar. 15.

The Slovak Government has sent a telegram to Herr Hitler through its Foreign Minister, M. Ferdinand Durcansky, thanking the Fuehrer for Slovakia's independence.

"The Slovak nation, overjoyed at its independence, greets the great Fuehrer of the German people," the telegram read. "It is deeply grateful to the Fuehrer of the German people who, by bringing about the triumph of the nationalities principle at Munich, made it possible for Slovakia to become an independent state. The foundation of a Slovak state in Central Europe will most certainly contribute to the consolidation of peace. The Slovak nation will build up on this basis its own independent state, and is convinced that it will find in the Fuehrer and the German people a protector and guarantor."

M. Durcansky has requested all foreign countries to recognize the new Slovak state.

Slovaks Remain Listless

In spite of the orders given by the authorities to show flags and be happy over Slovakia's newly proclaimed independence, Slovakians here appear to have been plunged into a deep stupor, the Germans being the only ones to rejoice in a true Slovakian spirit. The local population seemed to greet the news of the independence with indifference, wandering idly through the streets where armed patrols of soldiers would pass.

The law proclaiming the independence of Slovakia, which was passed yesterday by the Diet and subsequently published, comprises five articles. It gives the Government full powers pending the enforcement of the new constitution. It reads as follows:

1. Slovakia is a free and independent State. The Slovakian Diet has been transformed into a legal Assembly of the Slovakian State.
2. Up to the publication of the Slovakian Constitution, all the executive power will be exerted by the Government which will be appointed by the Chairman of the Parliament (Assembly of the Slovakian State).
3. The present legislation will remain in force.
4. The Government will take full powers for the maintenance of public order and the defense of Slovakian national interests.
5. The present Law will become effective upon its publication.—Havas.

Text of Tiso's Letter

Vienna, Mar. 14.

The text of the letter by which the Slovak Premier, Dr. Josef Tiso, announced that region's independence to Herr Hitler was disclosed here late tonight.

"I have the honour to announce to Your Excellency on behalf of the Slovakian People, that the Slovakian People has cast off the Czech yoke today and that the independence of Slovakia has been proclaimed according to the will of the overwhelming majority of the Slovakian population. The Slovakians have created this new factor of appeasement in Central Europe. We wish to live in peace and friendship with all our neighbours. As Prime Minister of new Slovakia, I beg you, as the Fuehrer of the new powerful Reich which always fought for freedom and self-determination, to grant your immediate help to the independent Slovakian State."

It is reported that M. Karel Sidor, the Home Minister in the Slovak Government, may resign today. If M. Sidor resigns today, he will most probably be replaced by M. Bela Tuka, at present Minister without portfolio.—Havas.

$1,000 Stolen in Armed Robbery

Over $1,000 in money, clothing and jewellery was stolen last night during a daring raid which took place at Lane 25, 305 Chengtu Road.

The robbery was perpetrated by eight men, three of whom were armed with pistols and one with a hand grenade. Making their entry at 6.35 p.m. during a busy period of the day the men intimidated the inmates and made their escape before an alarm could be raised. The robbers spoke Shanghai dialect and did not fire any shots.

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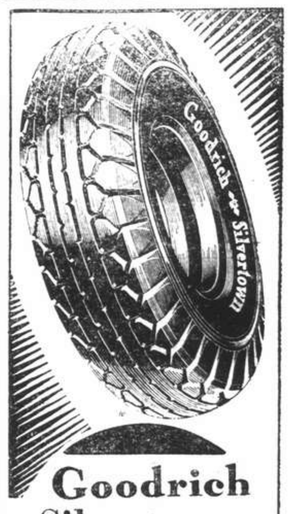

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FROM DAY TO DAY

THERE will be a celebration of Holy Communion in the Bubbling Well Chapel this morning at 10.30 o'clock.

UNDER the auspices of the Royal Empire Society, a cocktail party was held yesterday at the Masonic Hall, 1623 Avenue Road from 6.30 to 8 p.m.

A MUSICAL tea will be held in the Y.M.C.A. tomorrow, at 5.30 p.m., at which a number of European artistes, recently arrived in Shanghai, will take part. Tea will be served at 4.30 o'clock.

"THAT the Sword is Mightier Than the Pen," is proposed on the Foreign "Y" Debating Programme this evening at 9 p.m. Mr. R. S. Lamb is proposing, and Mr. T. Sopher is opposing. Members and their friends are cordially invited to attend and participate in the debate.

MR. H. Y. Yang spoke at the China Society in London on February 18 on "The Early Myths of the Yellow Emperor." The annual dinner of the society was held at Rhodes House on February 22. The Warden of All Souls was in the chair and the Chinese Ambassador and Madame Quo the principal guests.

MR. Alan Laidlaw, together with Mrs. Laidlaw and son, is arriving in the President Pierce today to resume his duties in the Freight Department of the American President Lines. Mr. Laidlaw and family are returning from home-leave spent in the United States, previous to which Mr. Laidlaw was temporarily attached to the Hongkong Office of the American President Lines.

IT has been suggested that members of the old Hook & Ladder Company of the Mih-Ho-Loongs attend the "A" Company S.V.C. dance to be held at the Cercle Sportif Français on Friday, March 24, to revive the traditional link connecting the two. Those interested are requested to communicate with Mr. F. Rayden, 1040 North Soochow Road.

THE British Air Ministy has offered £3,000 compensation to 16-year-old Joyce Saunders, only surviving member of a family of 5, whose home at Dunholme Road, Edmonton, was destroyed when an R.A.F. plane crashed on September 4. Her father, mother and 2 brothers were among the 13 persons killed in the crash. Joyce at the time was spending the afternoon with her grandparents.

SEVERAL big trade unions are making preparations for transferring their headquarters from London in the event of war. The first union to buy property in the provinces is the National Union of Seamen, who have purchased Schel Court, a beautiful estate in Surrey for £5,500. It covers 90 acres and lies halfway between Horsham and Guildford; it contains a large mansion and three cottages.

EVERY cyclist in Britain will soon be compelled by law to carry a rear light. The House of Lords Select Committee which has been enquiring into road accidents will make that recommendation when its report is issued shortly. The other main recommendations will be that all main roads must have non-skid surfaces; and an increase in the number of "courtesy cops" on the roads.

THE cost of living in Hongkong is rising tremendously following the Japanese occupation of Hainan Island, with the result that various items of daily necessaries have been prevented from being shipped to the Colony, says the "Shun Pao." Pork prices have increased from HK$24 to HK$32 per picul, while prices for ducks and chicken have risen from HK$0.80 to HK$2.25 per catty.

COUNTLESS millions of shrimps have appeared on the Norfolk Broads and all the fresh water fish have died, following the break in the sea wall last year. This was stated by Lord Desborough, President of the Salmon and Trout Association, at its annual meeting at Fishmongers Hall. The water is now getting better. Salinity was 33 per cent. It has dropped to 23 per cent. but fresh water fish cannot live in water above 9 per cent. salinity. The shrimps have attracted large numbers of birds.

A NEW dance with an umbrella as its most important feature called "La Chamberlain" is becoming all the rage in Normandy. It is danced only once at every ball, being always the last number on the programme. While the couples take the floor to the music of a one-step, a young man with an umbrella on his arm wanders among them in search of a likely partner. When he has found the girl he wants he hooks the arm of her partner with the umbrella handle and dances off with her, leaving the other man with the umbrella and the chance of getting himself another partner in the same way.

AN extraordinary general meeting of the Associacao dos Residentes Portugueses de Shanghai will be held at the Clube Lusitano on Wednesday, March 22 in order to elect a committee for the current fiscal year and consider certain amendments to the articles of Association. Should a quorum not be present at 5.30 p.m., the meeting will be held half an hour later. The members of the Association have also been invited to a reception, which is to be held immediately after the general meeting, when an address will be read by the President of the Association in honour of Dr. Antonio Alves, as a mark of appreciation of the valuable services rendered by the Consul General to the community.

UNION Church Men's Club is holding its monthly meeting in the Church lecture-hall this evening at 7.30, when, following supper, Mr. R. V. Dent is to give an illustrated lecture on Amateur Photography, pointing out the difficulties of amateurs and the way to correct them. The Committee are desirous of a full attendance of members, who are invited to bring guests, and we are asked to state that if any are unable to attend the supper they are invited to the lecture, which will commence at nine o'clock. Among the guests expected is the Rev. Dr. Caughey, the new Pastor of Community Church. Reservations for the supper can still be made by telephoning the hon. secretary, Mr. O. G. R. Beynon (Telephone 90166).

Rescue Attempt Rewarded

Royal Humane Society's Award Presented to Mr. John Huxley

In recognition of his gallantry in diving into the Whangpoo river several times on May 5, 1938 in an unsuccessful effort to rescue a Chinese who had fallen into the water, Mr. John Huxley, accountant officer of the Shanghai Municipal Fire Brigade, was presented with the Royal Humane Society's honorary testimonial on vellum by Sir Herbert Phillips, H.M. Consul-General, at the Consulate residence yesterday.

Amongst those present at the presentation were Mrs. Huxley, wife of the recipient; Miss Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. A. Huxley, Mr. A. J. Evans, H.M. Shipping Consul; Mr. A. G. N. Ogden, H.M. Superintending Consul; Comdr. E. A. Jolley, Resident Naval Officer; Mr. W. Charters (Deputy Chief Officer, Shanghai Fire Brigade) and Mrs. Charters; Mr. J. W. Dearn, Hon. Representative, Royal Life Saving Society; Mr. A. C. Sinclair, Mr. D. W. Leach, and Mr. G. W. Creighton.

Great Risk

Before making the presentation Sir Herbert Phillips said: At about 9.30 a.m. on May 5, 1938, a male Chinese, whose name is unknown, was accidentally pushed off the gangplank during a rush to disembark from a launch which was mooring at the Customs Jetty. Mr. John Huxley, who happened to be on the jetty at the time, immediately removed his coat, and dived into the Whangpoo in an attempt to rescue the victim. His efforts, unfortunately, were unsuccessful, as the Chinese was caught in the strong undercurrent and disappeared, and, although Mr. Huxley dived several times, he could not locate the body.

At the point at which the accident occurred, the river is approximately three-quarters of a mile wide and 25 feet deep, and, with a strong ebb tide running at the time, the risk taken by Mr. Huxley was extremely great.

When, therefore, the local Honorary Representative of the Royal Life Saving Society, Mr. J. W. Dearn, made application for an award by the Royal Humane Society to Mr. Huxley in a letter to me giving the full facts of the case together with official Police reports, I took steps to forward the application with a covering letter strongly supporting the recommendation.

Gallant Attempt

In acknowledging receipt of the application and promising to place it before his committee, the Secretary of the Royal Humane Society, Commander J. N. Benbow, R. N. (Ret'd), remarked "there are several members of the committee, as well as myself, who know the Shanghai of happier days, and also the dangers of the Whangpoo. Mr. Huxley's claim for his gallant attempt will therefore be dealt with by persons with local knowledge of the risks he incurred in that rescue."

In a subsequent letter, the Secretary, Commander J. N. Benbow, forwarded to me, for presentation, the Royal Humane Society's "Honorary Testimonial on Vellum" which has been awarded by the Committee to Mr. John Huxley for "his courage and humanity in having attempted to save life", and I was requested to make the presentation of this reward in as public a manner as possible.

Mr. Huxley, I have therefore very much pleasure in handing you this testimonial and I will ask all present to join with me in congratulating you upon this recognition of your brave deed and in drinking your health.

In reply Mr. Huxley thanked Sir Herbert Phillips for the honour accorded him, adding that he did not feel worthy of it. He had one regret in connection with the presentation and that was that the poor unfortunate who had fallen in the river was not alive today.

Dealing in Stolen Cement

Siemsson and Co. Win Cases In District Court

Found guilty of having wilfully bought stolen goods, 13 managers of Chinese shops selling building materials were sentenced to fines ranging $100 to $400 yesterday by the First Special District Court or prison terms counted on the basis of $3 for a day's imprisonment.

It was revealed in court that the accused merchants had dealt in the cement belonging to a cement factory in Lunghwa which was acquired by Siemssen & Company, a German firm, long ago. During the Shanghai hostilities Lunghwa became an occupied area and the factory was taken over by the Japanese military.

The factory later resumed operations and with the old raw materials inside new cement was produced and sold and the former Chinese trade mark used. The German firm has advertised in Chinese newspapers that any one found dealing in the cement taken from the factory would be sued in court.

It was recently found out by the German firm that the cement had been bought by the accused and legal proceedings were started accordingly. Two accused were each fined $400 while four others, $120 each. Seven others were each sentenced to pay a fine of $100 only.

"N.C.D.N." Photo.

Echo of Gallant Rescue Attempt

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Body of Chinese Woman Found

Victim Believed to Have Been Strangled

The body of a Chinese woman, aged about 35, was discovered on the premises of an engineering works off Point Road in Chapei, early yesterday morning. The woman, whose identity could not be established, was dressed in a blue gown, black pants and a jacket of the same material, whilst on her "bound" feet, she wore pink socks. She wore no shoes.

As the discovery was made in Japanese occupied territory, the body was taken care of by "Ta Tao" police and it was learned that the S. M. P. would make independent investigations into the case as it was believed likely that the woman was strangled to death.

This is the fourth dead body to have been found in areas north of the creek in the past few days, and police are still investigating the other cases.

Grenade Found on Parade Ground

Four Japanese Soldiers Reported Killed

An explosion which occurred on the former Public Recreation Ground in Ta Chi Road, Nantao, on Tuesday morning killed four Japanese soldiers and wounded several others, according to people coming from Nantao quoted by the Chinese evening papers here yesterday.

It was said that a small company of Japanese soldiers was stationed at the scene of explosion. At about 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 10 Japanese soldiers were having morning exercises on the ground when they saw a grenade. Some of them rushed up to examine it but it exploded killing four of them outright and wounding several others.

It is believed that the missile had been put there by guerillas.

New Traffic Rules North of Creek

Japanese Regulations for Occupied Areas; No Smoking By Car Drivers

Drivers of motor vehicles will be prohibited from smoking while operating a car, while parking will be drastically restricted in Hongkew and Yangtszepoo under new motor traffic regulations announced by the Japanese Special Naval Landing Party in Shanghai yesterday. The rules, which went into effect yesterday, are applicable to all areas within the Japanese naval defence sector, including Settlement districts north of Soochow Creek and Chapei.

The maximum speed of motor vehicles in built-up areas was restricted to 30 kilometres an hour, while in outside areas a speed up to 40 kilometres an hour was permitted, according to the text of the regulations.

In addition to "no parking" zones stipulated under Shanghai Municipal Police regulations, such as bus and tram stops, and designated by red paint on the curb or black and white tiling, the parking of cars will be prohibited in the following areas:

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The east side of Chapoo Road, between North Soochow Road and Haining Road;

The south side of Range Road, between North Szechuen Road and Woosung Road;

Both sides of Broadway;

The south side of Boone Road, as well as other areas so designated.

Parking is also prohibited within ten metres from a street corner, left of a safety zone, on a crossing zone restricted for pedestrians, loading zones, rickshaw stands, within 15 metres of a sentry post, in front or within three metres from a fire station, fire sub-station or equipment depot; within three metres of a fire plug and on bridges.

Stock Exchange Reception

New Board Trading System Introduced to Members; Many New Clients

After having been in operation for five months, a new board trading system at the Shanghai Stock Exchange was officially introduced to members of the exchange and their guests at a reception held in the exchange between noon and 1 p.m. yesterday. The new board has not only brought new clients into the market but has enlarged the scope of share business.

Proposing the toast of "The Guests", Mr. N. H. Rutherford, Chairman said:

I regret we have not a more pretentious building in which to receive you, but owing to the China Incident we were unable to move into the Bank of China where we were to have more commodius and suitable quarters.

The reasons we have asked you to honour us today are:—Firstly, we like to have an opportunity to welcome our friends out of their offices; secondly, that many of you probably only know the Shanghai Stock Exchange over the telephone and did not know until today exactly where it was; thirdly—and the chief reason—that we wish to introduce to you our new Board trading system. This has now been in operation about five months and although many of us were sceptical at first that it would not be workable in Shanghai as all bids made on the board had to be firm, we have found that the market has taken to it kindly. Not only has it brought many new clients into the market, but it has enlarged the scope of share business considerably.

Weekly Turnover

It may be of interest to you to know that our weekly turnover lately has been in the region of 3/5 million dollars. I see around us many of our banker friends and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking them for their patience with us. I know brokers are not popular with them, as it means a great deal of additional work taking out and receiving so many shares weekly and entering endless cheques. I would again ask them to be as patient with us as possible and if later they can see their way to again keep open until 3 p.m. we shall appreciate it tremendously.

Unless you are a broker, you cannot imagine the snags that crop up on Monday. They are the client who forgot that Monday was "settlement day" and is out of his office most of the morning; the client who left his cheque book at home; the client who forgot to get the wife to sign the transfer. Anyway, these are little things that help to make life less dull.

Now a brief word as to how the new system works. All Board or active stocks are called over at 9.30 a.m. and buying and selling rates made. As soon as that is completed, the business of the day commences and prices according to clients' telephone instructions come nearer and possibly business results.

Today, Reuter's representative is attached to our market and broadcasts to all tickers every movement in prices and transactions when completed, so clients are additionally and instantly posted as to the exact market conditions.

Brokers can now advise their clients exactly how many brokers are selling or buying a certain stock from the hieroglyphics you see on the board. Today is the day of the telephone and gone are the nice old days of trotting around in our little traps and probably smoking a good many of our clients' cigarettes and telling him the very latest yarn.

Municipal Advocate's Report

The Municipal Advocate states in his report that a total number of 6,347 cases were prosecuted in the Shanghai First Special Area District Court and the Kiangsu High Court, Second Branch, during the month of February as compared with 9,160 cases in January. Out of the total number of cases prosecuted during February, 4,758 were administrative cases and 1,589 were criminal cases. Out of the total number of Administrative cases brought to trial, 2,476 persons failed to appear and their bail was confiscated and 15 were withdrawn, as compared with 4,928 cases in which bail was confiscated an 14 cases withdrawn in January. 2,267 administrative cases were prosecuted to completion, out of which number 2,267 persons were convicted and none acquitted.

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Suicide Verdict on British N.C.O.

Inquest Concluded on Shot R.A.S.C. Sergeant; Rifle Across Knees

A verdict of suicide whilst of temporarily unsound mind was returned by Mr. I. T. Morris, Acting H.M. Coroner, yesterday at the resumed inquest held on the body of the late Sergeant Edward Hopkins (aged 41), of the Royal Army Service Corps, who was found lying dead in his bunk with a gunshot wound in his skull at the R.A.S.C. Headquarters, Ash Camp, 61 Great Western Road, last Friday.

The first witness to be called was Dr. I. G. Anderson, who gave evidence of examining the body on March 10 at the International Funeral Directors' Parlours. His report was handed to the Coroner.

A coolie, employed at the camp, told the Coroner that on March 10 he went to Sergeant Hopkin's bunk to light a fire, but on arrival found that the door was closed. He knocked twice and as there was no answer he went to light a fire in the office. Later, Sergeant Hopkin's boy arrived with a cup of tea and witness informed him that he had failed to get a reply to his knocking.

Locked Door

Questioned by the Coroner, Sergeant Hopkin's boy stated that since the latter's arrival towards the end of 1936, he had acted as his room boy. At 6 p.m. on March 9, he continued, he reported to Sergeant Hopkins, who was sitting on his bed, and informed him that he had finished his work.

On the following morning he went to Sergeant Hopkin's bunk with a cup of tea and, on approaching the place, he met the last witness, who told him that he had knocked at the door and had received no answer. Witness then knocked at the door for about 15 or 20 minutes and, as he received no reply, he borrowed a key from Private Hewitt, with which he opened the door, after knocking another key, which was on the inside, on to the floor.

"I looked inside," witness continued, "and I saw Sergeant Hopkins lying on the floor bleeding. There was a rifle across his legs. I reported the matter to the private from whom I borrowed the key and went back to the bunk with him."

Rifle Across His Legs

Private Samuel Hewitt, of the Royal Army Service Corps, told the Coroner that on March 10 he was awakened at about 6.45 a.m. by the sound of the coolie knocking at the bunk door. At 7.15 he got out of bed and saw the room boy banging the door. He then gave the last witness the key and the latter returned in a few minutes and said that Sergeant Hopkins was lying dead in his bunk.

Witness proceeded immediately to the bunk and saw deceased lying on the floor with a pool of blood near his head and a rifle across his legs. He closed the door and told the boy to report the matter.

Sergeant Frederick Walter Hamlin, of the R.A.S.C., stated that he first met Sergeant Hopkins in October 1931 at Aldershot, Hampshire. In November 1936 he came to Shanghai with deceased and shared the same room with him for about two years.

Moody Periods

On the morning of March 10, he added, he returned to barracks at about 7.30 a.m. and he then was informed of the tragedy. Sergeant Hopkins was very cheerful but he had moody periods, witness continued, and he was looking forward to going back home at the end of the year. Just before his death Sergeant Hopkins had been very quiet but had given no reason for this.

Lance/Corporal James Edward Gibbs, of the 2nd Battalion, East Surrey Regiment, stated that on March 9 he was guard commander at Ash Camp, and at 8 p.m. deceased came into the guardroom and made enquiries about a clock, which had stopped. He then left the guardroom, witness continued, and went to the C.Q.M.S. stores, where rifles normally are stored, going inside the building. Witness did not see him come out.

At 12.20 a.m. on March 10, witness stated, he inspected the buildings in the south-west corner of the compound and noticed that the light in Sergeant Hopkin's bunk was still on. Nothing unusual was reported by the sentries during the night.

Police Evidence

Detective-Inspector R. F. Tabrum, of the S.M.P., attached to Bubbling Well station, told the Coroner that at about 7.40 a.m. on March 10 he was informed that a British sergeant had committed suicide at Ash Camp. On proceeding to the camp he found Sergeant Hopkins lying on the floor on his left side with his head in a pool of blood. There was a hole in his right eye and a rifle was lying across his knees near his right hand.

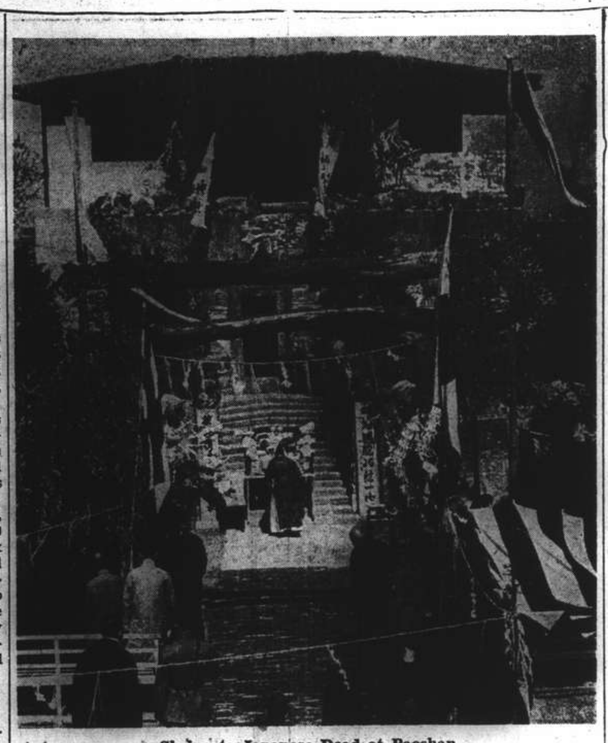
Upon examining the bunk witness found a key on the floor beneath the lock of the door, while all the windows had been closed and were heavily curtained. From enquiries made at the camp he ascertained that Sergeant Hopkin's had last been seen alive at about 8.30 p.m. the previous night by L/Corpl. Gibbs at the store where the rifles were kept. He was empowered by virtue of his rank to enter this store, witness added.

The Coroner then returned the following verdict: "I find that Sergeant Edward Hopkins died at Shanghai on March 9-10, death being due to a gunshot wound in the skull, self-inflicted whilst temporarily of unsound mind."

Clipper Movements

Manila, Mar. 15.

The Philippine Clipper left Wake Island for Guam today and arrives here tomorrow. Air mail for the United States closes at 7 p.m. on March 19 since the Philippine Clipper is to hop off on its return trip to the United States on March 20. The huge 74-passenger Boeing Clipper, after a short delay at Honolulu because of bad weather, arrived at San Francisco, completing its first round-trip without passengers. The China Clipper is leaving for Midway from Wake. Its departure from San Francisco for the Far East has not been definitely settled yet.—United Press.



Shrine to Japanese Dead at Paoshan

In memory of Japanese war dead, a shrine was dedicated yesterday at Paoshan. Local Chinese made donations toward the shrine and Japanese service men were responsible for its erection. Chinese and Japanese officials attended yesterday's ceremony.

Kidnapper Suspect Arrested By S.M.P.

Investigations Proceeding In Solving Mysterious Medhurst Road Case

In connection with the kidnapping of a Chinese pawn-shop assistant, who, it will be recalled, was dragged into a Ford Hire car by four Chinese, armed with pistols, on Sunday morning, and of whom nothing has been heard since, the "North-China Daily News" learned yesterday that investigations are continuing and that an arrest was made on Tuesday morning.

The kidnapped man is Wu Pahshan, who arrived in Shanghai two months ago from Kiangyin, where he and his family were said to have found living conditions unbearable.

The kidnappers, as will be recalled, came to the home of some of Wu's relatives, living at an address at Gordon Road, about two hours after the actual kidnapping and asked for money and jewellery in return for the liberty of the man, but decamped when an alarm was raised.

Mr. N. A. Konovaloff Sails in Aramis

42 Years In China: Joined C.M. Customs In 1897

Mr. N. A. Konovaloff left with his family for the South of France by the Aramis on Tuesday after 42 years in China.

Having joined the Customs Service in 1897, Mr. Konovaloff has acted as Private Secretary to the late Sir Robert Hart in 1900-1903. After having served as Acting Commissioner at Newchwang in 1903/4, he was promoted Commissioner and Chief Secretary at the Peking Inspectorate General in 1906. From 1907 to 1910 he was (the first) Commissioner at Harbin for North Manchuria and a member of the Chinese Commission for the discussion of the North-Manchurian and the Sungari Customs questions with the Russian representatives. In 1911, he was attached as Counsellor to the Chinese Special Mission to Russia for the revision of the Russo-Chinese Treaty of 1881. In 1913, he was invited to join the newly created Board of Audits in Peking as Adviser while remaining on the list of the Commissioners of Customs until 1916. From 1918 to 1920 he was also a member of the Board of Directors and from 1921 to 1924 a member of the Audit Committee of the Chinese Eastern Railway.

After relinquishing his post as Adviser in 1928, he remained in Peking until 1933 and from 1935 until the end of the last year when he was forced to leave with his family under the circumstances which had been described in this paper. It is needless to say that, in the opinion of all those who have known Mr. Konovaloff and his family, the alleged reasons for their deportation are devoid of all foundation.

Protest Urged in Flag Incident

Chungking Asked to Take Action Against French

The Shanghai Office of the Kuomintang is reported by the Chinese press to have sent a petition to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Chungking asking that representations be made to the French authorities against the prohibition by the French police in the French Concession in Shanghai of the hoisting of Chinese national flags.

The incident referred to occurred last Sunday when the local Chinese commemorated the 14th anniversary of the death of Dr. Sun Yat-sen by half-masting Chinese flags. Many of these flags were asked to be taken down by the French police.

In connection with this incident, the Kuomintang office in Shanghai has also issued a statement explaining that to interfere with the hoisting of flags of a nation is tantamount to humiliating the country by which the flag is represented.

Dogs are to be banned entirely from three of Britain's most luxurious trains. The L.N.E.R. has announced that the Coronation, Silver Jubilee and West Riding Limited expresses will have no room for dogs. The ban, the first for almost a century, has been imposed because some passengers have complained that dog owners allow their pets to wander up and down the trains at will.

Astor House Not Sold To Japanese

The sight of the Japanese flag flying over the Astor House yesterday and references in the Japanese press led to the report that this well-known hostelry had been transferred from British to Japanese ownership. This is denied by the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels management who yesterday were taking steps to have the flag removed. The Astor House has been leased to Japanese interests for some time and this arrangement will be continued, but there is no question of transferring ownership.

"Safety First" Week Planned for Shanghai

Meeting to Be Held Soon To Discuss Preparations

In an attempt to bring about a sharp decline in the number of accidents occurring in the International Settlement, efforts are now being made to hold a "Safety First Week" in the near future, as similar experiments in other parts of the world have proven beneficial. Considerable difficulties will have to be coped with in holding this event however, as all preparations in connection therewith will have to be adapted to local conditions.

Representatives of all organizations and individuals willing to help with the holding of this event will be given an opportunity to meet on Tuesday, March 21, at 5.30 p.m. at the Police Club, on the seventh floor of the Police Headquarter Building, 185 Soochow Road, where preliminary suggestions and plans will be discussed.

Three Bridges Closed Temporarily

The Japanese naval authorities closed the Garden, Chapoo Road and Szechuen Road Bridges for about ten minutes yesterday morning, without advance notice. At the press conference in the afternoon the naval spokesman stated that the closure had to do with emergency manœuvres. It had no other significance.

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Japanese Tobacco Syndicate

Attempt to Exploit Central China Resources Seen in Formation of Company

Intent upon conquering the Central China tobacco market, five Japanese tobacco companies have merged into a syndicate to be called the Central China Tobacco Leaf Syndicate, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reported in its Economic and Financial section yesterday.

Included in the new syndicate are the Toa Tobacco Company, and the Toyo Tobacco Leaf Company, two leading Shanghai Japanese tobacco firms; the Beisei Tobacco leaf Company, Japanese-owned tobacco manufacturing plant operating in Shantung; the Kokusai Shoji Kaisha, which specializes in the importation of Manila leaf; and the Eiwa Yoko Company, which has been engaged in purchasing tobacco leaf in Fengyang, the best tobacco leaf producing region in central Anhwei, the paper stated.

Japanese tobacco has long been noted for its poor quality, which, coupled with the high price caused by Government monoply, has resulted in it being one of the few Japanese products which has not proved popular in foreign markets, the daily said. Japanese who can afford to buy foreign cigarettes were averse to smoking Japanese cigarettes, regardless of economic patriotism, according to the paper.

Good Opportunity

As Central China is said to be suffering from a tobacco shortage at present, it provides a good opportunity for Japanese tobacco industrialists to experiment with methods for opening up overseas markets.

The path to be trod by Japanese tobacco manufacturers is by no means bright, the daily said, as they fall far behind foreign rivals in history, number of customers, capital, and most important of all, the lack of opportunity to obtain leaves of good quality, the Japanese journal continued.

In attempting to overcome all these handicaps, they have first of all succeeded in obtaining raw materials from Fengyang. Seeds will be distributed among tobacco leaf growers in Fengyang, while improvement in agricultural skill will be attempted by the new syndicate.

As peace and order are restored, tobacco farming will be encouraged and advanced in the fertile Central China soil.

Opium Bureaux to Be Opened Here

Opening of an opium suppression bureau by the "Reformed Government" in Shanghai neared realization with the arrival here of Mr. Chu Yao who has been appointed director, sources close to the new administration reported yesterday. Mr. Chu arrived here from Nanking several days ago. Branch offices of the bureau will be established in various cities under the control of the "Reformed Government," it was further reported.

Rice Prices to Be Stabilized

Local Association Forms Special Committee

The Shanghai Rice and Bean Dealers Association and its affiliated organizations have jointly held a meeting at which the Rice Price Stabilization Committee has been organized. As a result, retail shops in Shanghai are required to maintain the officially fixed price of $14 per picul of the first grade rice which was quoted at $15 last week.

The increased price has caused confusion in the market and anxiety among the poor for some time past but it has now been announced that the new committee will undertake to fix the price at a reasonable level and persuade merchants having direct connections with farmers to ship rice to Shanghai continuously. A steadier market has been created and manipulators are now willing to unload their cargo from rice boats.

Britain Declared Foe Of Nanking

Official Urges Measures For Retaliation

Means to deal with Great Britain should be devised as she has become "the enemy" of the "Reformed Government" of Nanking, Mr. Kung Hsien-kan, director of the Propaganda Bureau of the Executive Council of the new régime, told Chinese newspapermen on Tuesday.

Britain, he charged, was "deliberately prolonging the hostilities by granting a £5,000,000 loan to the régime of Chiang Kai-shek, thus delaying the restoration of peace in China and preventing the establishment of a new order in East Asia."

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318th Monthly Drawing of $2,000 Premium Bonds. March 15, 1939.

Bonds in Force: 36,149 Total Reimbursements: $115,373

Reimbursement of $25,000 drawn by Bond No. 65522

$2000 Reimbursements drawn by Bond Nos.		$300 Reimbursements drawn by Bond Nos.		$200 Reimbursements drawn by Bond Nos.		$100 Reimbursements drawn by Bond Nos.	
15121	99364	22610	108154	12603	80759	3291	82433
22676	102965	23354	108397	19842	87906	4898	99205
45058	109827	32576	108534	40862	96584	16229	101822
47891	115462	71112	111683	49658	102309	30773	103838
59672	118106	74038	117897	51889	112983	31550	109133
62648	124452	84750	121180	60481	113644	37931	113112
64503	124701	88571	122556	72113	125917	45745	117093
70247	130341	91142	124237	78960	128005	47616	121605
84307	130633	107200	128526	79527	130981	54705	124368

Reimbursement of $149 drawn by Bond No. 126865
" " $ 26 " " " No. 96537
" " $ 18 " " " No. 127118

3615 Reimbursements of $12 drawn by Bonds terminating with "3"

The International Savings Society draws the attention of the public to the fact that there are often misprints in the drawing lists published in various newspapers. The Society does not hold itself responsible for these errors, as the only official drawing list is the one issued by the Head Office with the title "Official Drawing List."

COMMERCE AND FINANCE

Money and Exchange

Hongkong & Shanghai Bank

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 1939

BANK'S SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 8¼	$29.09
U.S. $100 @ 16⅛	$620.16

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 8 11/32	$28.764
U.S. $100 @ 16 5/16	$613.02
London—demand	8 11/32
4 months' sight credits	8⅜
4 months' sight docts	8 7/16
6 months' sight credits	8 13/32
6 months' sight docts	8 15/32
New York—demand	U.S. $16 5/16
4 months' sight credits	16⅝
4 months' sight docts	16½
Paris—4 months' sight docts	Fcs. 628

INTERBANK CLOSING SELLING RATES

Sterling 8 11/32	U.S. $16 5/32
Hongkong/London	1/2 13/32

Chartered Bank

Canadian $100 @ 16 1/16	622.57
Hongkong $55	$100.00

Netherlands Trading Society

Netherlands Guilders ......Buying	30¾
Java Guilders "	30¾
Netherlands Guilders ......Selling	30¼
Java Guilders "	30¼

American Express Co., Inc.

Buying	U.S.$100=$613.026	£1=$28.764
Selling	U.S.$100=$620.155	£1=$29.091

Banque Belge Pour L'Etranger

Belgas 0.95½=$1 Belgas 27.75=£1

Italian Bank for China

It. Lire 3.02=$1 Swiss Frs. 0.70¾=$1
Tourist Lire 3.35 ...$1

Other Quotations

Berlin/Hamburg T.T. $100=Rm. 40.00
$100=Reg. Mk. 74.00 incl. License fee

Local Exchange Report

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

INTERBANK CASH DELIVERY

	Highest	Lowest
£	8 11/32	8 9/32
U.S. G.$	16 1/16	16 3/32
Yen	—	—

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

SELLING Cash		BUYING Mar.-Apr.	
£ T.T.	8¼	4 m/s. l.c.	8 5/16
G.$ T.T.	16⅛	4 m/s. l.c.	16 3/16
Fcs. T.T.	607	4 m/s.	618
Rs. T.T.	45⅝	15 d/s.	46⅜

BAR SILVER

	READY	FOR'D
London pence per std. oz.	20⅝	20 9/16
N.Y. cents per oz. troy	42¾	—
Bombay Rs. per 100 tolas	52.14	—
Bombay offtake 20 bars.		

London silver was 1/16 up both ready and forward, being 20⅝ for ready and 20 9/16 forward. New York was unchanged at 42¾ and Bombay 1 anna up at 52.14.

It was reported there was a little general buying. Offerings were small. Market steady. After the official fixing the market was idle and featureless.

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 8¼ sterling and 16⅛ U.S.$.

The Interbank market was very quiet and inclined to be easy. At the opening there were sellers for cash at 8 9/32 sterling and 16 1/16 U.S.$ but later there were buyers at these rates and the market declined to sellers at:

8 11/32 sterling	16 3/32 U.S.$	Cash/Mar.	
8¼ "	16 5/32	"	Apr.
8 7/32 "	16 7/32	"	May

Foreign Exchanges

Bombay, Rupee T. T. on: Mar. 14.

Japan	78⅝	London	1/5 31/32
New York	285⅛	2 mths	
Shanghai	46¾	" (sellers)	1/5 15/16
Hongkong	85¾	" (buyers)	1/5 31/32

London £ Sterling T. T. on:

New York	468.87	Shanghai	8½d N
Paris	176.84	Bombay	1/5 31/32
Berlin	11.68½	Hongkong	1/2 13/32
Amsterdam	8.83⅛	Singapore	2/3 31/32
Brussels	27.86¾	Yokohama	1/2
Madrid	100.00	" (Buying)	Unq.
Milan	89.10	C'slovakia	137.25 S
Berne	20.61¾	S—sellers.	

New York U.S.$ T. T. on:

Berlin	40.13	Japan	27.36
Spain	Unq.	Shanghai	16.35
Holland	54.08½	Austria	Unq.
Paris	2.65⅛	C'slovakia	3.42⅞
Brussels	16.82½	Hungary	19.80
Italy	5.26¼	Rumania	0.73
S'zerland	22.74½	Yugo Slavia	2.30
Sweden	24.14½	Greece	0.86⅛
Norway	23.56½	Bulgaria	1.25
Denmark	20.93½	Finland	2.07
Montreal	99.650	Poland	18.88
Brazil	5.90		
London			4.68⅞
" Demand			4.68¾
" Bankers' 60 days bills			4.68 11/16
" Commercial 60 days bills			4.68 11/16
Buenos Aires Paper			29.09
Buenos Aires Paper, market rate			23.10
Montreal on London			4.70½

—Reuter.

Foreign Money Rates

London: Mar. 14.

Fine Bank Bills,	3 months	0 9/16%
Bank Bills,	6 months	0 11/16%
Fine Trade Bills,	3 months	2¾%
" " "	6 months	3¼%
Call Money		0½%

New York:

Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months	0½%B
	0 7/16%A
Bankers' Acceptances for 4 months	0 9/16%B
	0½%A
Call Money	1%

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

British Commodities

Tuesday's Closing Quotations

London, Mar. 14.

After ruling easy, the London rubber market steadied on trade buying.

London Rubber: Spot, buyers 8¼ unch; sellers 8 5/16 —1/16; Apl./June delivery, 8⅜ unch; sellers 8⅜ unch.

London Sugar (Buyers): May 6/2½ —1¼; Aug. 6/2¾ —¾; Dec. 6/1 —¾.

Liverpool Wheat: Mar. 4/3⅛ —⅜; May 4/4¼ —¾; July 4/4⅛ —⅜.

Liverpool Cotton: American Futures: Mar. 5.06 +3; May 5.01 +2; July 4.82 +3; Sept. 4.70 +3; Egyptian Futures (Giza, F.G.F. No. 7) No. 2 Contract: Mar. 7.02 +3; May 7.07 +6; July 7.12 +6; Sept. 7.12 +6.

London Metals: Copper, Standard, cash, sellers £43 5/16 +1/16; 3 mths sellers £43 9/16 +1/16; Electrolytic, buyers £46 unch; sellers £48 unch; Tin, Standard, cash, sellers £215⅝ —⅜; 3 mths mths sellers £215¼ —¼; Lead, For. official price, sellers £14⅞ unch; 3 mths delivery, official price, sellers £15 1/16 +1/16; Spelter, ordinary, official price, sellers £13⅞ —1/16; 3 mths delivery, official price, sellers £14⅛ —1/16.—Reuter.

Berlin Bourse

Berlin, Mar. 14.

The share market was considerably firmer today than during the last days because of political news reaching the exchange at the opening time. The quotations averaged two per cent. higher than yesterday. Call money remained unchanged at 2⅞ to 3⅛ per cent.—Trans-Ocean.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

Official Averages

1939 High	Low		Today's Averages	Changes
154.31	105.32	General	145.86	+0.14
152.40	95.55	Rubbers	146.94	+0.01½

Total 45,818 shares, 25 bonds.

Morning Session

9,500 Ewo Mills (Ord)	$ 18.70
1,000 Wheelock	34.75
300 Wheelock	35.00
4,000 S'hai Loan	6.20
500 Exploration	8.35
1,500 S'hai Loan	6.15
297 Wheelock	34.75
1,000 New Eng. (Ord)	6.80
2,000 I. I. Trust	3.75
500 Wheelock	35.00
3,000 Exploration	8.40
150 S'hai Dock	102.50
5,000 Kelantan	0.42
1,000 Metal Ind. of China	6.05
100 Kaiping	26.25
500 Yangtsze Finance	6.50
100 S. W. W. "B"	28.00
2,500 Exploration	8.35
2,000 Kroewoek	1.30
200 Ewo Mills (Ord)	18.80
1,500 Exploration	8.30
1,400 Tram (Bearer) £1	40.50
1,600 Ewo Mills (Ord)	18.70
100 Wheelock	34.75
2,000 Kelantan	0.42
1,000 China Realty	0.89
50 S'hai Power (Pref)	131.00
1,000 S'hai Loan	6.10
T2,500 S'hai Land 5% Debs.	T 84.00
700 Int. Assurance	$ 8.40

ODD LOTS

100 Exploration	$ 8.35
62 Ewo Mills (Ord)	18.60
5 Int. Assurance	8.60
50 Tram (Bearer) £1	41.00
4 S'hai Power (Pref)	130.75
300 I. I. Trust	3.72½
500 I. I. Trust	3.75
300 Auto Palace	13.00

London Stocks

Tuesday's Closing Quotations

London, Mar. 14.

Czechoslovak developments caused some anxiety on the Stock Exchange today, but no selling pressure was apparent and prices generally showed only small net losses.

European bonds proved an exception, Prague 7½ declining from 63 to 55.

Mexican Eagle Oil was again a firm feature, while British giltedged securities recovered their earlier losses.—Reuter.

	Mar. 13	14
War Loan 3½% (Reg.)	£93 7/16	93 5/16
JAPANESE BONDS		
Japan 5% Stg. Loan, 1907	41½XD	41
Japan 6% Stg. Loan, 1924	48	47½
	Osaka, Mar. 15.	
Kogo 5%		Y.103.78
COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL		
Allied Ironfounders	19/9	19/9
Armstrong Stevens	7/9	7/9
Assoc. & Elec. Indus.	43/6	43/-
Austin Motors, ord.	34/4½	34/4½
Bristol Aeroplane, ord.	22/-	22/1½
British American Tob.	102/6	102/6
Cable & W., new form	46	46½
Cammell Laird, ord.	8/9	8/7½
Courtaulds	28/9	28/6
Distillers	93/9	93/6
Dunlop Rubber	27/3	28/9
General Elec. (Eng.)	80/9	80/9
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	105/6	104/6
Hawker Siddeley Aircraft	21/-	21/-
Imp. Chem. Indus.	31/10½	32/1½
Imp. Tobacco	136/10½	136/10½
Leyland Motors	93/-	92/9
Marks & Spencer "A" ord.	62/9	63/-
Pressed Steel, com.	18/3	18/1½
Rolls-Royce	113/9	114/4½
Smethwick Drop Forgings	17/-	17/-
Tate & Lyle	63/1½	63/-
Turner & Newall	82/3	81/10½
United Steel	24/7½	24/7½
Vickers, ord.	21/1½	21/3
Woolworths	64/9	64/7½
MISCELLANEOUS		
Anglo Dutch	27/6	27/3
Rubber Pltn. Inv.	30/6	30/3
MINES		
Burma Corp.	9/6	9/3
Commonwealth Min.	1/4½	1/3
Marsman Invest.	18/9	18/3
Randfontein Ests.	36/7½	36/7½
Sub-Nigel	231/3	231/3
Tanami Gold Min.	4½d	4½d.
Western Holdings	11/9	11/4½
OILS		
Anglo Iranian	95/7½	94/4½
Burmah	85/7½	84/4½
Mexican Eagle	8/6	9/6
Shell Trans. & Trad.	86/10½	87/6
CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS, ETC.		
4½% Gold Loan, 1898	£77½	77½
5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	69	69
4½% Anglo-French Loan	55	55
5% Crisp Loan, 1912	37½	37½
5% Reorg. Loan, 1913	52	52
8% Stg. Notes, 1925	16½	17½
5% Honan Rly., 1905	23	23
5% Hukuang Rly., 1913	23	23
5% " " (Ger. Is.)	21	21
5% Lung Tsing U. .. Rly.	16	16
5% S'hai-Nanking Rly.	25	25
5% T'tsin-Pukow Rly. B.	16	16
5% " " G.	16	16
5% " " (Supl. Loan) B.	16	16
5% " " (Supl. Loan) G.	16	16
5% Canton-Kowloon Rly.	21	21
S'hai Elec. Construction	25/- N	25/- N
S'hai Waterworks "A"	19½ N	19½ N
Un. Ins. Soc. of Canton	30½	30½
Chartd. Bank of I. A. & C.	9⅝	9½
H. & S. Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	90	89
" " (Col. Reg.)	90	89
Chinese Eng. & Min.	19/-	19/-
Chosen Corp.	6/-	6/-
Pekin Syndicate	2/- N	2/- N
Gula Kalumpong Rubber	21/7½	21/7½

N—Nominal.

New York Stocks Stage Slow Recovery

New York, Mar. 14.

Metals led the New York Stock Exchange in a slow recovery today after the list shook off the effects of foreign uncertainties. Prices opened hesitantly and advanced during sluggish trade.

Czech bonds losses ranged up to 14 points. The Czech situation accounted for the irregular opening, but better sentiments developed later. Coppers rose as much as a point on news that Chilean sentiment was crystalizing against the proposed copper export tax.

Steels gains ranged above a point. U.S. Steel, Bethlehem Steel, Crysler and other issues gained more than a point. Sante Fe led rails in the recovery. Utilities and aviations showed gains while farms, chemicals and mercantiles were steady.

Wall Street hears that rails and merchandizings are a good investment. Borg-Warner may pay 43 cents per share this quarter and will probably attract demand, it was reported.

Favourable market factors today included:

1. Reports of changed sentiment in Chile on the proposed copper export tax.
2. Rumors that margin requirements will be lowered.
3. Bullish interpretation of February statistics showing a sharp increase in the leading activities of the Federal Reserve and member banks.

Among the unfavourable factors were these:

1. The uncertain international situation.
2. Renewed sluggishness of commodities.
3. Slowness of the steel operations gain.—United Press.

New York Stocks

Tuesday's Closing Quotations

New York, Mar. 14.

Scant attention was paid to European news by the stock market today as prices rose irregularly in a quiet session, closing firm. The market opened uncertain and with fractional losses predominating but later improved on generally favourable trade news together with rumours, which were denied after the close, of the possibility of a reduction in the margin requirements. Operators were mostly cautious, awaiting the outcome of the European crisis, but resumption of the upward trend was considered likely in the absence of major adverse developments.—Reuter.

Dow-Jones Averages

	High	Low	Close	Changes
30 Indust.	151.39	149.91	151.10	+0.31
20 Rails	32.83	32.40	32.75	+0.30
15 Utilit.	26.15	25.76	26.00	—0.05
40 Bonds	—	—	91.81	—0.02
11 Commod.	—	—	47.78	—0.05

	Mar. 13	14
Adams Express	10	9¾
Allegheny Ludlum Steel	23¼	23½
Allied Stores	10⅜	10⅝
Allis Chalmers	45	45¾
Amerada Corp.	66¾	66¾
Amer. Can	95½	93¾
Amer. & For. Power	3¼	3⅛
" " $7 pfd.	20	19½
Amer. Gas & Elec.	39½	39¼
Amer. Locomotive	26	26¼
Amer. Metal	39⅜	38¾
Amer. Radiator	16½	16½
Amer. Rolling Mill	18⅝	18¾
Amer. Smelting	46⅜	47¼
Amer. Sugar Ref.	—	20½
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	166⅞	*165⅛
Amer. Tobacco "B"	87	87
Amer. Waterworks	13⅛	13¼
Anaconda Copper	28¼	29
Atchison, T. & S. Fe	37¼	38
Auburn	4½	4¼
Baltimore & Ohio	6¾	6¾
Barber Asphalt Corp.	19⅛	19¼
Barnsdall Oil Co.	17⅛	17⅜
Bendix Aviation	26	26½
Bethlehem Steel	72¼	73½
Boeing Airplane Co.	27⅞	28¾
Borg Warner	31	31⅞
Briggs Mfg. Co.	27¾	28½
Bklyn-Manhattan Trans.	11⅜	11⅜
" $6 cum. pfd.	39¼	38⅝
Can. Pacific Rly.	5⅛	5
Case, J.I.	92	—
Celanese Corp.	22⅜	22⅝
Chase Nat. Bank	B 33	B 33¼
Chesapeake & Ohio	37¾	38¾
Chrysler	82⅜	83⅝
Columbia Gas & Elec.	8⅛	8
" 6% "A" pfd.	90⅛	91
Coml. Credit	54¾	54½
Comm. & Southern (ord.)	1¾	1⅝
" $6 cum. pfd.	63¼	63½
Consolid. Edison	34⅛	34⅛
Consolid. Oil	8⅝	8¾
Continental Can	42¼	42¾
Continental Oil	29⅜	29¾
Corn Products	66	66½
Curtiss Wright (com.)	6	6
" " "A"	24⅛	24½
Deere & Co.	22⅞	23⅛
Distillers Corp.	19¾	20
Douglas Aircraft	68½	69
Du Pont de Nemours	155½	154¾
Eagle Picher Lead	11⅝	11½
Eaton Manufacturing Co.	26⅜	26
Elec. Auto Lite	37⅜	37½
Elec. Bond & Share	11½	11⅞
" $5 pfd.	63½	63
" $6 pfd.	71¼	71¼
Engineers Public Serv.	11⅜	11¼
Elec. Pwr. & Lt.	38	38½
Flintkote	28¾	29½
Food Machinery Corp.	B 29¼	*B 29½
Gen. Amer. Trans.	58½	57½
Gen. Elec.	42¼	42¾
Gen. Motors	50½	51⅛
Gen. Rly. Signal	23⅛	23½
Glidden Co.	22¼	22
Goodrich (B.F.)	22½	22⅞
" $5 pfd.	73	72
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	35⅛	35¼
Great Nthrn. Iron Ore	15½	15½
Great Nthrn. Rly.	28⅜	28⅞
Great Western Sugar	28	27¾
Greyhound Corp.	20¾	21
Hecker Products	11¾	11⅞
Homestake Min.	65¼	65½
Indus. Rayon	25¾	B 26
Int. Harvester	65⅛	65⅝
Int. Nickel	53½	53¼
Int. Tel. & Tel.	9½	9⅜
Johns Manville	96	96¾
Jones & Laughlin	B 53½	B 53
Kennecott	37⅝	38
Libby-Owens-Ford Glass	56	56½
Lockheed Aircraft	30	30⅞
Loew's Inc.	*49	49
Manhattan Shire Co.	—	—
Martin, Glenn L. Co.	34⅞	35½
McKesson & Rob.	12½	12½
Monsanto Chemical	105	105
Montgomery Ward	53¼	53⅞
Nat. City Bank	B 25½	B 27
Nat. Dairy Products	16⅛	16⅛
Nat. Distillers	27⅞	27⅞
Nat. Gypsum	15⅞	15⅜
Nat. Lead	25¼	25½
Nat. Power Lt.	9	9
Nat. Steel Corp.	77	77¼
Nat. Supply Co.	12⅜	12½
New York Central	19¼	20
Niagara Hudson Power	9	8⅞
North Amer. Aviation	16⅝	16⅝
North Amer. Co.	25⅜	25½
Northern Pacific	12⅛	12⅜
Pacific Gas & Elec.	34⅝	33¾
Pacific Lighting	49½	49
Packard Motors	4	4
Paramount Pictures Inc.	11	11¼
Pennsylvania R.R.	22¾	22⅝
Phelps Dodge	40¼	40⅜
Phillips Petroleum	40⅞	41¼
Public Serv. of N.J.	37½	37⅝
Pullman, Inc.	35¼	35¾
Pure Oil	10	10⅛
Radio Corp. of Amer.	7¾	7⅞
Republic Steel Co.	21	21¼
Reynolds Tobacco "B"	39⅛	38⅞
Richfield Oil Corp.	9⅝	9½
Safeway Stores	*37⅜	36¼
Schenley	17½	17½
Schenley 5½% pfd.	—	75
Sears Roebuck	77¼	77
Shell Union Oil	13¾	14
Socony-Vacuum	13⅜	13⅜
Southern Pacific	17⅝	18
Southern Rly.	29½	30
Sperry Corp.	43⅜	43½
Stand. Brands	7¼	7⅛
Stand. Gas & Elec.	3¾	B 3½
Stand. Oil of California	29⅝	30⅛
Stand. Oil of N.J.	49⅞	49⅞
Stone & Webster	13⅜	15⅜
Swift International	27	—
Technicolor	19⅝	19⅜
Texas Corp.	44⅜	45
Texas Gulf Sulphur	30¾	30¾
Transamerica	6¾	6⅝
Tw. Century Fox Film.	23⅞	22⅞
Tw. Century Fox Film.	33½	32½
Un. Carbide & Carbon	86¾	86½
Un. Aircraft.	102	103
Un. Aircraft	37½	37¾
Un. Air Lines Trans.	12⅛	12¼
Un. Corp.	3⅛	3¼
Un. Corp. $3 cum. pfd.	39	39
Un. Gas Corp.	2⅞	2¾
Un. Gas Improvement	13	13⅛
U. S. Rubber	49¼	49⅞
U. S. Rubber	103⅝	108¼
U. S. Steel	62¾	63⅝
Vanadium	27⅛	27⅜
Warner Bros. Pictures	6⅛	6⅛
Westinghouse Elec.	114¾	115
Woodward Iron	B 22½	23
BONDS		
Amer. & For. Power	60	60
Baltimore & Ohio R.R.	23	23⅜
Brazil	20½	20⅝
Cities Serv.	85	84⅞
Erie R.R.	12⅛	12½
Int. Tel. & Tel. 5s	75⅛	75
Minas Geraes	B 12⅝	B 13¼
New England Gas & Elec.	71½	69¼
Peru	11½	11¾
Rio Grande do Sul	B 12¼	B 11½
Southern Pacific R.R.	57⅛	56
Sao Paulo	B 11½	B 11
Stand. Gas & Elec.	68	67½

WEEKLY CLOSING STOCKS

	Mar. 7	14
Air Associates	B 8½	B 8½
Alasaka Juneau	9½	9⅛
Amer. Brake Shoe & Fdry.	48	48⅛
Ass. Gas & Elec.	7¼	10⅝
Atlan. Gulf & W.	15	17¾
Atlan. Refining	21¾	22⅛
Atlas Corp.	8⅛	8¼
Baltimore & Ohio	8½	8⅝
Bank of America	B 35¾	B 36
Borden Co.	20⅜	21⅜
Chesapeake Corp.	*25½	B 23¼
Chic. & North Western	¾	0⅝
Coml. Solvents	12⅞	11⅞
Consumers Pwr.	*B 95¾	B 96¼
Corn Products 7% pfd.	B 166	B 172½
Coty Inc.	5⅞	6⅛
Crane Co.	33	34⅞
Delaware & Hudson	23¾	24¼
Dist. Corp. Seagrams	B 85	B 85
Elec. Boat Co.	12¾	12¾
Elec. Power & Lt.	11¼	11
Elec. Storage Battery	*30¼	30
Freeport Sulphur	22⅞	23⅝
Gen. Cigar	B 23¾	23⅞
Gen. Foods	40⅞	42
Gen. Mills	77½	81
Granby Cons. Mining	6¾	7½
Int. Dept. Stores	14	14⅝
Lorillard	23⅝	*23¼
Masonite Corp.	51¾	54¼
Mountain City Copper	5⅝	6
Mueller Brass	25	28⅛
Nash Kelvinator	8¼	8¾
Nat. Power & Lt. $6 pfd.	83¼	82¾
Patino Mines	11⅜	11⅜
Sthrn. Cal. Edison	27	27
Sthrn. Rly.	20⅞	20½
Sterling Products	74¼	74⅝
Texas Pacific Land Trust	8⅛	8½
Tidewater Ass. Oil	13⅞	14
Timken Detroit Axle	B 16⅛	16⅝
Un. Biscuit	17	B 17⅝
Un. Light & Power "A"	2½	B 2½
U. S. Pipe & Fdry.	46¼	48½
U. S. Realty & Imp.	5⅝	5½
U. S. Smelt., Ref.	B 58	59
Westinghouse Air Brakes	28⅛	28¼
Yellow Truck & Coach	19	19⅜
Youngstown Sheet & Tube	50¼	49⅝

WEEKLY CLOSING BONDS

	Mar. 6	13
Anglo-Chilean Nitrate	B 21¾	26
Argentine	77½	78⅛
Bethlehem Steel	103	104
Brooklyn-Manhattan	80	78½
Chic., Milwaukee, St.	10⅛	10¼
Columbia Gas & Elec.	102½	103
Denver & Rio	B 11¾	B 12⅜
Elec. Power & Lt.	78½	80½
Mortgage Bank	B 26⅛	B 26¼
Nat. Power & Lt.	99¼	99½
" Dec. "A"	104¼	104¼
New England Power	93½	98¼
New York, Chic.	B 74	B 74½
Oklahoma	B 105¼	B 105⅜
Oslo	101	100½
Republic of Colombia	23¾	26½
Republic Steel	93⅜	94
Sthrn. Rly.	75¼	76⅛

B—Bid. *—Ex Dividend.

Dow-Jones Summary

Courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

Stock prices today recovered after a hesitant opening and advanced. Although trading was sluggish, the list recorded small gains. Metal shares took the leadership after the list overcame the uncertainties surrounding the European situation. Favourable news included reports of a change of sentiment among the Chilean legislators regarding the copper export tax, a rumour that margin requirements would be lowered and the bullish interpretation placed upon February world copper statistics. The Czechoslovak situation adversely affected Czech bonds, the list closing irregularly lower.

Curb stocks worked irregularly lower, while the foreign exchange market ruled easy.

Big Property Sale

The property known as "Happihouse," 25 Great Western Road, under instructions from the administrator of the estate of the late Mr. A. L. Anderson, was auctioned yesterday by Messrs. A. P. Nazer and Hugh Martin. The property realized $186,862.50, or $22,500 per mow, the purchasers being the Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ltd.

U.S. Commodities

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The cotton market opened firm on higher Liverpool advices and "spot" house and trade buying but later reacted under liquidation and closed from 1 to 6 points below yesterday's final quotations.

Idle conditions ruled in the market for raw rubber, price movements being confined to a narrow range only 49 lots changing hands. At the close, futures showed losses of 1 to 3 points compared with the previous closing prices.

Wheat futures in Chicago continued easy owing to the poor export demand, the weakness of foreign markets and the decline in corn, finishing ⅜ cent per bushel off in all active positions.

New York Cotton			New York Rubber		
Mar.	8.74-74	—04	May	16.52-52	—01
May	8.34-34	—05	July	16.46-46	—03
July	8.12-13	—06	Sept.	16.48-48	—02
Oct.	7.75-75	—01	Dec.	16.46 48	—03
Dec.	7.69-69	—03		B/A	
Jan.	7.69-69	—03			

New York Sugar No. 4			New York Silk		
May	1.14-14½ B/A	—½	Mar. (No. 1)		
July	1.14-14½ B/A	—½		2.12B-15A	+4

Chicago Wheat			Chicago Corn		
May	67¼-67⅜	—⅜	May	47⅞-48	—⅜
July	67½-67⅝	—⅜	July	49½-49½	—⅜
Sept.	68⅜-68½	—⅜	Sept.	50⅜-50⅜	—¼

Winnipeg Wheat

May	59¾-59¾	—⅝
July	60⅜-60½	—⅝
Oct.	61⅛-61¼	—¾

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

British Oil Shipping

There has recently been talk in shipping circles of the steps likely to be taken by the International Tanker Pool to counter the depression in freight markets. No decision has yet been taken but the report of the British Oil Shipping Co. for the calendar year 1938 is a reminder that the matter is urgent, states "The Financial News."

As the preliminary statement showed, net profits fell from £126,986 to £47,658, the distribution being halved at 10 per cent. Thanks, however, to the capital reduction scheme of July, 1937, the company is very moderately capitalized, and, after the transfer of £15,000 to tax reserve, the dividend is left covered by earnings of 28.8 per cent., against 99.8 per cent.

The consequent margin allows the general reserve to be raised by £20,000, to £70,000, and the carry-forward by £1,330, to £41,546. Conditions in the tanker market show little sign of improvement—U.S. Gulf to U.K. Continent clean oil rates fell from 32s. 6d. to 12s. in 1938, and are still around the lower figure. It is fortunate, therefore, that financially British Oil Shipping is now well equipped to face adverse trading conditions. In addition to the low figure at which its tonnage is carried in the balance-sheet the company has the advantage of an extremely liquid position, with cash in hand figuring at £86,307. The 12s. 6d. shares were last dealt in at 14s. 9d.

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

March 15	a.m. Closing Closing	p.m. Closing Prices
Antamok	.435	.435
Atok	.395	.395
Balatoc	9.40	—
Batong Buhay	.021	.021
Benguet Consolidated	13.40	13.40
Big Wedge	.345	.345
Ceco Grove	.46	.463
Demonstration	.125	.14
I X L	.65	—
Masbate	.163	.16
North Camarines	.67	.67
San Mauricio	2.15	.215
Surigao Con., Com.	.28	.28
Surigao Con. Vot. Trust	—	.26
Suyoc	.205	.205
United Paracale	.78	.77

Turnover: 607,600 Pesos.—Reuter.

February Rubber Output

	lb.
Henrietta Rubber Estate Ltd.	87,650
Sungei Matang Rub. Estate Ltd.	22,500

Statistics Show British Shipping Decline

Has Lost its Relative Place in World Total

An examination of world tonnage figures leads to the conclusion that British shipping, and particularly United Kingdom shipping, has lost its relative position in the world total, says a memorandum on British trade and shipping statistics issued by the Chamber of Shipping and the Liverpool Steam Ship Owners Association.

The normal addition to world tonnage in the twenty-four years since 1914 has taken place, the memorandum goes on, in what for this country must be considered an abnormal way, British tonnage falling, while foreign tonnage has increased at a rate never known since steam tonnage came into existence.

During the space of time from 1913 to 1938 British seagoing tonnage has remained practically unaltered, while that of foreign countries has doubled, says "The Financial News."

Drop of 14.2 Per Cent.

The U. K. share of steam and motor tonnage of all kinds fell from 41.6 per cent. of the total in June, 1914, to 26,4 per cent. in June, 1938 but tonnage owned in the rest of the Empire increased from 3.6 per cent. to 4.6 per cent., so that, taking the Empire as a whole, its share fell from 45.2 per cent. to 31.0 per cent.

If only the tonnage used in international carrying trade is considered, emitting vessels of under 2,000 gross tons, U.S.A. lake tonnage and ships in the U.S.A. coasting trade, the Empire share declined from 52 per cent. in 1913 to 35.5 per cent. in 1938.

Although the total U.K. tonnage has fallen absolutely and relatively and shows serious gaps in the smaller tonnage classes taken as a whole, its composition, the memorandum states, compares favourably with that of foreign countries.

For example, 53.8 per cent. of the tonnage of U.K. vessels is under fifteen years of age as compared with 27.3 per cent. of foreign tonnage, and only 18.6 per cent. of British tonnage is over twenty years of age against 29.6 per cent. of foreign tonnage. The British Empire owns 58 per cent. of the world's refrigerated tonnage, but the comparison as regards tanker tonnage is not so good; Empire tonnage forms only 28 per cent. of the world's total.

Development of Tankers

It is interesting to note that while in 1913, out of 18,473,000 gross steam and motor tonnage on the U.K. register, only 727,000 represented tankers, in 2938, out of a total of 17,420,000 tons, 2,672,000 was tanker tonnage.

If tankers are excluded from the computation, U.K. tonnage decreased in the twenty-five years' period from 17,746,000 gross tons to 14,748,000 gross tons.

The report shows that the British Empire share of world trade, whether sea-borne or not, rose from 43.2 per cent. in 1913 to 48.8 per cent. in 1936.

The Empire's share of the sea-borne trade of the world rose from 54.4 per cent. in 1913 to 55.9 per cent. in 1936, after falling to 52 per cent. in 1931.

Overseas inter-Empire trade increased in the same period from 1.7 per cent. to 2.8 per cent. U.K. imports from foreign countries fell from 17.3 per cent. of the world total of sea-borne trade to 14.2 per cent., and exports to foreign countries from 12.8 per cent. to 7.6 per cent.

On the other hand, imports of Empire countries from foreign countries now represent 7.7. per cent. of the total sea-borne trade, against 4.2 per cent., and exports to foreign countries have risen from 6.0 per cent. to 8.1 per cent.

Synthetic Oil in Britain

Synthetic oil is now being produced in this country by an all-British process on a semi-commercial scale. Mr. W. H. McConnel, in his speech at a recent meeting of Synthetic Oils Ltd., stressed the significance of this latest achievement, which should enable the company to confirm figures of yield and cost.

"The Financial News" understands that if the certified results are up to expectations, the process should immediately become an economic proposition within the framework of the remission of duty allowed on home-produced petrol.

The British process has made considerable progress in recent months. To obtain the oil, water gas (made from coke) is passed over a catalyst, which produces a range of products, starting with petrol (having a good octane number) and including Diesel oil and some wax. Lubricating oil can be obtained from some of the products, while from the hydrocarbon in the light fractions iso-octane can be made.

Bedlay Unit's Capacity

The unit at Bedlay, near Glasgow, which has a capacity of 200 gallons a day, is built on a commercial scale. A complete plant, preferably designed to take the entire output of a given colliery, would consist of a number of virtually similar units.

It is claimed that the process should be of considerable importance in national defence, as it holds out the possibility of substantially increasing home-produced oil supplies—at present only about 7 per cent. of peace-time requirements.

The company is a public concern with a capital of £50,000 in 1s. shares. At September 30 last, 357,533 of these had been issued, mostly at a premium. An offer of one new 1s. share at 10s. per share for every five is now being made to shareholders. The Sheepbridge Coal and Iron Co., which has the same chairman, Wm. Baird and Co., and the Distillers Co., are financially interested in the company.

Billeting of War Refugees

A point in connection with war risks which has attracted some attention but which does not seem to be generally realized, arises from the scheme for evacuation and billeting of population from dangerous areas, states "The Financial News."

A leading insurance company has now made it clear in answer to an enquiry that any damage caused to property by compulsory billeting of refugees on account of war would be excluded from insurance cover.

This opinion, writes our Insurance Correspondent, appears to be generally held in insurance circles. It is pointed out that the "War Exclusion Clause" specifically provides that the policy does not cover loss or damage directly or indirectly occasioned by war and, in an elaboration of this provision, special mention is made of requisition.

How to Use Export Credits

The speedy Third Reading of the Export Credits Guarantees Bill is welcome. But the enactment of the Bill will not, of itself, add a completely effective weapon to the armoury now being prepared for a concerted attack on export markets and on the unfair trading methods of competitors. The Government and traders must now combine to ensure that full and immediate use is made of the facilities that the Bill provides. The Bill, raises the limit of the Board of Trade's liability for guarantees from £50,000,000 to £75,000,000 and gives new powers to the authorities to grant guarantees up to a limit of £10,000,000 for goods not previously approved without reference to an Advisory Committee. So far as the Government is concerned, the success of its administration will depend mainly on mobility of action states "The Financial News." It must be able at once to counter the lightning strokes of its trade adversaries. It may find itself obliged to relax the previously accepted definition of credit-worthiness.

The fact that the Export Credits Department has so far not lost the taxpayer one penny in bad debts has been largely due to the Department's insistence that the transactions it had insured must be covered only by first-class business. Some part at least of future transactions must, therefore, be considered as expenditure on the creation of goodwill in overseas markets, and not necessarily immediately remunerative. At the same time, the Government might be well advised to give greater publicity to the new credit facilities abroad.

In the long run, the competitive price and value of British exports will necessarily condition the success of the new Export Credits Bill. Without proper backing from our manufacturers, shippers and merchants, the Government could extend its offer of financial aid a hundred-fold and still fail to establish British exports firmly and permanently in their old markets. British industry must therefore ensure that its operating costs are cut to the lowest point compatible with efficiency and with the well-being of its personnel; that the cost of shipping its goods overseas is not unduly high; that its representatives and agents overseas are equipped with full understanding of the requirements of and the mentality of customers overseas; and that, in the case of machinery, ample stocks are maintained for replacements.

CHINESE women's wartime auxiliaries will shortly be inaugurated in Chengtu, says a Chungking message. Madame Chiang Kai-shek will proceed from Chungking to Chengtu in the near future to preside at the inauguration of the "women's movement" which is scheduled some time this month. Mrs. Teng Hsi-hou, wife of the Chairman of the Szechuen Provincial Government, is heading the committee.

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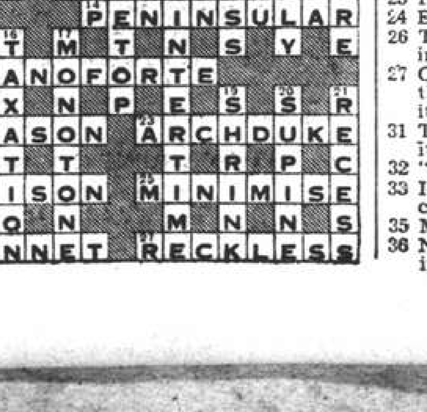

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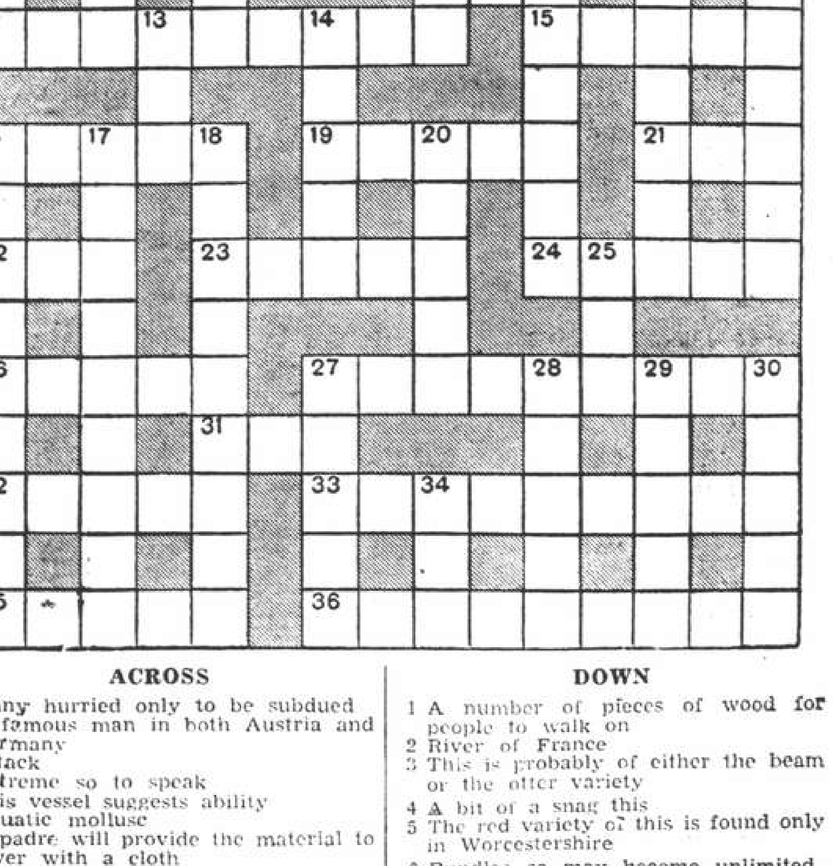

ACROSS

1 Many hurried only to be subdued
6 A famous man in both Austria and Germany
9 Attack
10 Extreme so to speak
11 This vessel suggests ability
12 Aquatic mollusc
15 A padre will provide the material to cover with a cloth
16 No buxom wench
19 One form of ulcer
21 A west-country river
22 No, this fellow is not necessarily a foreigner
23 Hero of a great tragedy
24 Exhausted
26 This mammal had no need to go into the Ark
27 Get one of the farm hands round the enclosure; he's the man to mend it
31 The end of 33 across when I leave it
32 "Tiler" (anag.)
33 It's a funny thing but our city is changed
35 Mythical monster
36 Not the sort of oath that is taken in court

DOWN

1 A number of pieces of wood for people to walk on
2 River of France
3 This is probably of either the beam or the otter variety
4 A bit of a snag this
5 The red variety of this is found only in Worcestershire
6 Bundles so may become unlimited
7 A private conference of two heads
8 Made by a mere agent
13 Would this sea-movement suit a cutter?
14 Mails are the making of many Mohammedans
16 Direction of the Leeward Island?
17 "A tall dune" (anag.)
18 This reaper may be very irritating
20 Part of a cathedral
25 The enclosure in 27 across
27 When one gets on in this period it is a great blow
28 An insect in front of this would make it an animal
29 River of Wales
30 Not a feature of blank verse
34 A tear for a wastrel

U.S. Fears Graver Crisis to Come

Small Democracies Called to Heel as Step to Final Test

Washington, Mar. 15.

United States Government authorities declined to comment on the Slovakia crisis today but their interest in central European developments appeared to be purely objective.

State Department officials indicated they did not believe the crisis would attain major international significance as long as Italy, Britain and France acquiesce to Chancellor Adolf Hitler's intervention in Czechoslovakia.

Senator Key Pittman, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he was not surprised by the dismemberment of Czechoslovakia by Germany. He said Herr Hitler would continue his drive toward the east until "his ambitions are completely satisfied."—United Press

More Trouble Expected

Washington, Mar. 14.

The virtual dissolution of Czechoslovakia has caused a painful impression here, declares the "Star."

"This new crisis," the paper says, "is regarded as a forerunner to a more serious one before the end of the month. Reports from American diplomats in Central Europe indicate that the German and Italian Governments are preparing for a real showdown. Many warn the Administration that trouble is likely to start within ten days."

Official circles in Washington view today's developments as unmistakable evidence of the intention of totalitarian States to secure the obedience of the remaining small democracies in the coming struggle with France and Great Britain.—Reuter.

Italian Comments

Rome, Mar. 15.

Morning newspapers here dedicated their front pages almost in their entirety to the Czech events today, temporarily shelving the anti-French campaign.

Headlining the Slovak declaration of independence as a historic day in new Europe," the "Messaggero" said, "naturally the new Czech crisis will bring a revision of the territory remaining in the Czech Republic."

After labelling the Slovak step as a "disintegration" of the Benes state the "Popolo di Roma" declared "other pieces of the mosaic have been taken out of the state which was artificially created. This proves history and geography cannot be violated with impunity. Czechoslovakia, until 1938, was a tragic diplomatic farce."—United Press.

Rome Optimistic

Rome, Mar. 4.

No immediate risk of increased international tension is seen here in today's developments in Czechoslovakia.

Whatever the developments may be, there will be no need for a "Munich Conference" to bring about a final settlement of the Slovak question.

Satisfaction is expressed here at the attitude of both France and Great Britain, which suggests that international tension does not run the risk of being further strained.—Reuter.

Soviet Attention

Moscow, Mar. 15.

The attention of the Communist Party Congress now in session here was directed toward the Soviet Ukraine yesterday as Chancellor Adolf Hitler extended Nazi influence eastward by intervention in the Slovakian crisis.

M. Nitka Khrushchev, Secretary of the Communist Party's Central Committee in the Ukraine, glowingly described the wealth of the Soviet Ukraine's resources and warned that "whoever dares to attempt to penetrate across our frontiers will be destroyed like a mad dog."—United Press.

The Shortage of Food In Germany Critical

Rationing System May Have to be Extended

A hint that the present acute shortage of butter, cooking fats, eggs, meat and coffee in Germany may shortly extend to other commodities is given by the "Deutsche Volkswirt," a leading German economic journal.

The journal refers to the fact that queues of Berlin housewives have recently stood before grocers' shops early in the morning and at midday in the hopes of getting a small share of the available coffee supply.

"Queueing up," states the "Deutsche Volkswirt," reawakens unnecessarily painful memories, and is not only the most unjust, but also the most uneconomic form of goods distribution.

The prudent consumer is forced to waste energy and time at the most unfavourable hours of the day to acquire a more or less arbitrary ration. If he is not prepared to make this sacrifice, or to pay others to do so, he must go hungry.

What has happened in the case of coffee could happen also in the case of other commodities, it is stated. Owing to import variations it might happen that supplies could not be kept at "the high levels of 1938."

In this case the best method would be to extend the system at present applied to butter, where each consumer has a butter card and fetches his ration each week from the same dealer, who makes a note of the quantity supplied.

This system, states the article, would prevent "hoarders" going from one shop to another and buying supplies of the same commodity from each. Among the commodities mentioned in the article are sugar and cigarettes.

Two men and two women who stood in a queue for coffee in the Potsdamerstrasse, Berlin, this morning and complained when the coffee was sold out before they could get into the shop were taken into custoty by the police. It is not known whether they were subsequently released.

Twelve Seized in Gambling Raid

During a raid carried out by Central station detectives last night at the Cotton Goods Exchange in Avenue Edward VII., 12 Chinese were arrested for gambling and were kept in custody during the night prior to questioning this morning.

Also arrested during the night were 25 Chinese suspects, found loitering in the streets. After being taken to the Central Station, five of the suspects were released.

The British Soldier: 1939 Model

Members of Parliament at Aldershot inspecting the new battle dress of Britain's mechanized army.

Consular Body Honour Dr. A. J. Alves

Presentation to Departing Consul-General at Complimentary Dinner; Many Tributes

In recognition of his service to the Consular Body in Shanghai, Dr. A. J. Alves, Consul-General for Portugal, who is shortly leaving to assume a similar appointment for his country in New York, was the guest of honour at a dinner given by his colleagues in the Consular service in Shanghai at the Cercle Sportif Francais last night. During the dinner Comdr. L. Neyrone, Consul-General for Italy and Senior Consul, presented Dr. Alves with a gift on behalf of his colleagues in the city, paying a remarkable tribute to the recipient's valuable work during his tenure of office in Shanghai.

In his speech Comdr. Neyrone said: —There is a saying that "Brevity is the Soul of Wit" and as it is well known to you that our honoured guest this evening possesses a keen sense of humour and a remarkable gift for funny stories, he will appreciate it, I am sure, if the farewell speech on behalf of the Consular Body is made short and to the point. I should like to make that point a subtle one, but unfortunately I have not his talent for pungent witicisms.

I know you will heartily concur when I say that the outstanding characteristic of our departing guest is his geniality. His friendliness and his good humour are all-pervading and infectious and have served in great measure to lighten our labours and to perpetuate that spirit of cordial co-operation so desirable among members of the Consular Body. In the social world also the hospitality dispensed by our honoured guest and his charming and accomplished lady has been indeed a great joy to those many who have been privileged to receive it.

Happy Association

While we all will greatly regret the severance, with the departure of Dr. Alves, of so many years of happy association, as with so many cases in the past, he leaves us on promotion. So, although we are sorry to lose him from our circle here, we must rejoice that his government has appointed him to such an important post as Consul General for his country in New York, which, we feel confident, is in recognition of his fine services in Shanghai. We are grateful, and proffer him appreciative thanks, for the many courtesies and assistance which he has given to us individually and to the Consular Body as a whole. He has indeed been a "good neighbour" and an honoured and revered one.

Comdr. Neyrone then presented Dr. Alves with a gift on behalf of his colleagues, stating that this was a token of their respect and esteem. The company then drank a toast to the "health, happiness and long life of our honoured guest and his charming lady."

Responding, Dr. Alves said that taking a cue from the Senior Consul, he also would be brief and to the point, although the brevity of his remarks must not be taken as detracting in the slightest from his deep sense of gratitude to those honouring him this evening. He was profoundly appreciative of their kindness in giving him such a sumptuous farewell.

Finest Training School

He was convinced that the Consular Body of Shanghai furnished the finest and best training school for a foreign service officer, because of the many complex problems which it dealt with in the domain of diplomacy, and in judicial, administrative, municipal, economic and public affairs generally. The implementations of extraterritorality were a life-lesson in themselves.

So it was that one found in the personnel of this Body international representatives second to none, filled with the best traditions of the service and imbued with that spirit of cordial co-operation mentioned as being so desirable by the Senior Consul in his speech. Without that co-operation extended so generously by his colleagues, particularly by the representatives of the Great Powers, he would have encountered great difficulty in carrying out his duties.

Help of Major Powers

The help so kindly given during the present hostilities by the Consulates of the major Powers was especially valuable, and he wished to seize this opportunity of expressing his warm thanks to those colleagues who in the midst of their own great worries and anxieties still found time for courteous assistance to himself. His French colleague, and Mr. Heaney of the British Consulate General (who was on the committee of evacuation) were particularly helpful during that trying period in 1937 when foreigners were being evacuated and he and the Portuguese community are deeply in their debt for this great service. Mr. Long has always been of great value to him and to his Consulate and he was glad to seize this occasion to thank him and to convey his best wishes.

Needless to say, he was very sorry to leave Shanghai even for the Great White Way of New York City. He would always cherish fond memories of this place where his work and recreation have been made so pleasant, through the aid of his many kind friends. He would always follow the labours of the Consular Body here with friendly and sympathetic interest and with fervent prayers for success in working out the complex problems now before it.

Concluding Dr. Alves said, I thank you most cordially for your pleasing reference to my wife, which I know she will greatly appreciate. If our poor hospitality here has brought some measure of joy, we are sufficiently repaid, and I assure you it will be gladly extended to any member of the Consular Body coming to New York. Your wonderful gift will ever occupy a proud place in our possessions and I am deeply touched and thank you most gratefully for your kindness in presenting it to me."

Hosts and Guests

The list of those present included:

Comdr. L. Neyrone, Consul-General for Italy; Dr. A. J. Alves, Consul-General for Portugal; M. E. Vega, Chilean General; M. M. Baudez, Consul-General for France; Mr. C. E. Gauss, U.S. Consul-General; M. A. van Cutsem, Belgian Consul-General; Sir Herbert Phillips, H.M. Consul-General; Mr. J. P. Mee, Brazilian Consul-General; M. E. Fontanel, Swiss Consul-General; Dr. E. Bracklo, German Consul-General; Mr. Y. Miura, Japanese Consul-General; M. T. Knudtzon, Norwegian Consul-General; M. E. Kronvall, Swedish Consul-General; M. B. M. Simansky, Soviet Consul-General; M. T. I. Kala; Mr. N. F. Allman, Hon. Consul-General for Mexico; Mr. Monteiro, Portuguese Assistant-Consul; M. J. van den Berg, Netherlands Consul; Mr. R. P. Butrick, U.S. Consul; Mr. C. Vyse, U.S. Shipping Consul; Mr. V. Kitson; Mr. J. H. Paxton; Dr. Traut, German Consul; M. E. von Tandow, Mr. R. H. Betz, Mr. Sato, Mr. Engdahl, U.S. Consul; M. O. Kildal, Norwegian Vice-Consul; Mr. Akre, Norwegian Consul; Mr. Kondo, Japanese Vice-Consul; Mr. E. A. Long, Court of Consuls; M. A. M. Konstantinoff, U.S.S.R. Vice-Consul, Mr. Piffaretti, Swiss Vice-Consul, and Dr. Fischer.

Grow Your Sugar

Granulated sugar, all ready for the bowl, can now be grown on small plants of window-box size, or even in a pot on the dining-room table.

The sugar tastes like cane, but the plant is not sugar cane. It is a tropical plant, *impatiens sultana*, more commonly known as sultana, periwinkle or balsam.

Dr. Miriam G. Groner, of Bucknell University, Virginia, U.S.A., has shown photographs of the plant with its sugar all formed and ready for "picking" (says Reuter).

The granules are mostly composed of sucrose and dextrose, but there is no question of production on a commercial scale.

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Soviet-Manchou Clashes Increase

Changchun Declares Frontier Violations Total 166 in 1938

Changchun, Mar. 15.

The number of Soviet violations of the Manchoukuo border is increasing, according to official quarters here.

While 166 such instances occurred in 1938, more than twenty frontier clashes, they assert, took place in January this year and about the same number in February. The number of troops used in these engagements, informed quarters here admit, has been much larger this year than the number used in previous engagements.

At least on two occasions since the New Year, they state, Soviet frontier guards returned to the attack after receiving reinforcements.

The Kwantung Army, semi-official quarters here declare, is fully prepared to meet any large-scale attack. During the past year, it is claimed, wounded men left behind by the Soviet raiders gave valuable information to the Japanese authorities, and considerable additional information was gathered on the morale and strength of the Soviet forces.

The border incidents, in the view of informed circles here, are no mere raids designed to disturb the equanimity of the Japanese military, but are intended for the purpose of obtaining information on the Japanese defences and the disposition of the Japanese forces.

Most of the Soviet incursions which have taken place in the past four months are stated to have occurred in the regions stretching northward from the frontier town of Manchuli, in the west, and Suifenho (Pogranitchnaya) in the east.

Many attempts, it is declared here, have been made to penetrate beyond the Japanese outposts, but in no instance has this been successful.—Reuter.

Yesterday's Arrivals

Name	From	Consignees
Hakozaki M.	Hongkong	N.Y.K.
Mohlenhof	Ningpo	Carlowitz
Glenogle	Dairen	Jardine
Hanna	Ningpo	Carlowitz
Produce	Wenchow	Produce S.S.
Ingeren	C'wangtao	K.M.A.
Ahkwang	Ningpo	A.P.C.
Yusang	Tientsin	Jardine
Unyo M.	Japan	M.B.K.
Solviken	Foochow	H. Changan
Tejo	T'lungkong	I.C.R.N.
Tungwo	Tungchow	Jardine
Heini	Haimen	G.F.E.
Liesel	Haimen	Ta Lung
Ave-Maria	Tungchow	P.N.&C.
Kungwo	Tungchow	Jardine
Talien	Tsungming	Wan Woo
Chingning M.	Tungchow	N.K.K.
Lipari	Haimen	C.I.N.
Fooksing	C'kiakong	Wha Ying
Kiangting	C'kiakong	Foo Hwa
Haikong	Hsinkong	Keh Lee
Milazzo	Wenchow	Far Eastern
Tseangtah	Tungchow	Mow Tung

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Esang	Br.	Jardine
M. Francisca	Port.	Maria S.N.
Alexandra	Br.	Young's Shp.
Kiangting	Ger.	Foo Hwa
Lipari	Ital.	C.I.N.
Wusueh	Br.	B.&S.
Suiwo	Br.	Jardine
Don Joao	Port.	C.A.S.S.
C'stine Moller	Br.	Mollers'
Hai Dah	Nor.	Melchers
Wuhu	Br.	B.&S.
Patti	Ital.	Chang Yuen
Testbank	Br.	Lacey & C.
Faro	Port.	P.N.&T.
Talien	Jap.	Wan Woo
Tachi M.	Jap.	N.K.K.
Winifred Moller	Br.	Mollers'
Dairen M.	Jap.	D.K.K.
Ikwang	Br.	A.P.C.
Cintra	Port.	Inter Nav.
Lushan M.	Jap.	N.K.K.
Hakozaki M.	Jap.	N.Y.K.
Hokwang	Br.	A.P.C.
Tjisalak	Neth.	J.C.J.L.

Men-of-War in Port

Name	Flag	Type	Berthed
Dorsetshire	Br.	Cr.	B.N.B.
Gnat	Br.	Gbt.	Y.P.D.W.
Mantis	Br.	Gbt.	Y.P.D.W.
Peterel	Br.	Gbt.	Y.P.D.W.
Isabel	Am.	Slp.	B.N.B.
Luzon	Am.	Gbt.	U.S.N.B.
D. de Lagree	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
S. de Brazza	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
Tahure	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
B. Colleoni	Itl.	Cr.	J.N.B.
Lepanto	Itl.	Gbt.	J.N.B.

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Aust. (Y) N.Z. (Y) Manila (Y) and Java Ports	Tjinegara		12.30	13.00
Amoy and Hongkong	Tjinegara		12.30	13.00
Hongkong Canton Aust. N.Z. and Manila	Pres. Pierce		12.30	13.00
H'kow Wuchang Hanyang	Tikugo M.		13.30	14.00
Foochow	G. Padula	X	18.30	19.00
Wenchow	Dragao		18.30	19.00
Wenchow	Produce	X	18.30	19.00
Swatow and Hongkong ..	Yusang		19.30	20.00
Kwangtung	Yusang		19.30	20.00
Wenchow	Don Luis		19.30	20.00
Weihaiwei Chefoo Tientsin	Chengtu		19.30	20.00
Tsingtao	Kanchow		19.30	20.00
FRIDAY, Mar. 17.				
Japan Korea Formosa via Nagasaki	Shanghai M.		*20.00	7.15
Foochow	Solviken		8.30	9.00
Aust. N.Z. S.S. India Suez (Y) and Europe (Y)	Memnon	A	14.30	16.00
Hongkong and Canton ...	Memnon		15.30	16.00
Kiangpei Offices east of Jukao	Tejo		16.30	17.00
SATURDAY, March 18.				
Tsingtao and Dairen	Tsingtao M.		8.00	3.30
U.S.S.R. Europe via Siberia	Shengking		8.30	16.00
Weihaiwei Chefoo Tientsin	Shengking		9.30	10.00
Chefoo and Tientsin ..	Mingsang		11.30	12.00
Ningpo	Hsin Peking		14.00	14.30
Nantung	Nantung M.		14.30	15.00
Kiangpei Offices east of Jukao	Liwo		16.30	17.00
Indo-China (Z via H'phong	Kiungchow	B	—	—
Swatow H'kong Haiphong	Kiungchow		20.00	20.00
Kwangtung	Kiungchow		20.00	20.00
Amoy	Shantung		20.00	20.50
Japan Korea via Nagasaki	Nagasaki M.		20.00	20.00

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Pan American Airways Service (Hongkong-San Francisco) per ss. Memnon, at 4 p.m. on March 17, and due San Francisco on March 29.

Air France (Hongkong-Marseilles) per ss. Empress of Asia, at 4 p.m. on March 20, and due Marseilles on March 31, and London on April 1.

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ss. Empress of Japan, via Pacific, March 19, due London April 17.
ss. Victoria, via Suez, March 23, due London April 18.

Weather, Time and Tide

Thursday, March 16, 1939 (26th day of 1st moon)	SICCAWEI March 14 16.00	March 14 21.00	March 15 4.00	March 15 9.00
Barometer inches	30.19	30.26	30.27	30.27
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	−0.04	+0.04	+0.08	+0.03
at 32 F. (,, ,, 12 hrs.)	0.00	+0.02	+0.08	+0.01
Wind (direction)	N	NE	W	WSW
,, (miles per hour)	5.6	3.1	5.6	8.1
Temperature (Fahr.)	48.0°	41.0°	35.8°	46.2°
Humidity %	55	86	99	73
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	10	8	3	0
Rainfall inches	—	—	—	—

Siccawei Abridged Report March 14	Mean 1939	24 hrs. variation	66 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.22	−0.06	30.18
Temp. Min. 40.°3 Max. 52.°5	46.°4	+5.°5	44.°8
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	6.97	—	5.87

Time and Tide	16/3	17/3	18/3	19/3	20/3
Sun rises at Shanghai ..	6.04	6.03	6.01	6.00	5.59
Sun sets at Shanghai	18.02	18.03	18.04	18.04	18.05
Moon rises at Shanghai ..	2.53	3.31	4.06	4.39	5.11
Moon sets at Shanghai ..	13.55	14.47	15.40	16.34	17.27
Flood makes Shai. 6 to 18	6.34	7.35	8.39	9.30	10.16
Ebb. makes Shai. 6 to 18	13.20	14.02	14.35	15.10	15.39
H.W. W'sung Bar 6 to 18	9.56	10.21	10.57	11.25	12.06
Ht. above LLW. (feet)..	8.40	8.70	8.75	8.95	8.77

Vessels Discharging

HAKOZAKI MARU. The N.Y.K. s.s. Hakozaki Maru from London via Ports arrived on March 14, and is discharging her cargo at the Wayside Wharf. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery of their cargo. Damaged cargo will be examined at the wharf on Tuesday, March 21, at 9 a.m., by Marine Surveyors, Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes-Davy. Claims must be presented within 14 days of the vessel's arrival. No insurance effected. Should cargo not be imported within 15 days of arrival of the vessel compulsory Custom's Examination will be held before the goods can be placed in Bond. This Company accepts no responsibility whatsoever for any damage sustained as a result of the Examination. Nippon Yusen Kaisya, Shanghai Branch. 17-3

TALLEYRAND. The m.s. Talleyrand, from Oslo via Ports is now discharging her cargo at the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Co.'s Old Ningpo Wharf. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery of their cargo. All risk of fire at the wharf and godowns is to be borne by Consignees. Any claims against this vessel must be sent in within fifteen (15) days after vessel's arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized. Examination of broken and ship-damaged cargo will be held at the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Co.'s Old Ningpo Wharf at 9 a.m. March 23, 1939, when Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes-Davy will be in attendance. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Agents, 17 Canton Road. Tel. 11369. 18-3

TANTALUS. From Liverpool arrived on Mar 14, and is discharging her cargo at Holt's Wharf, Pootung. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" are further requested to send their representative to the Wharf to verify the weight of such cargo whilst being landed. Free storage period expires on March 24, 1939. Damaged cargo will be examined in the presence of a Customs Officer on Saturday, March 18, at 10 a.m. Claims must be presented within 15 days of vessel's arrival. No insurance effected. Butterfield & Swire, Agents. 18-3

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Vessels Arriving To-day

The following particulars in connection with vessels due to arrive to-day are based upon information available yesterday evening.

From LOS ANGELES: President Pierce, with mail, due 7.30 a.m., Buoys 11-12. Passengers expected at Customs Jetty 8.45 a.m.

From OSLO: Tallyrand, due p.m. or early to-morrow, Old Ningpo Wharf.

From BREMEN: Aller, due 8 a.m., Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Passengers expected at Customs Jetty 9.15 a.m. (by bus.)

From NAGASAKI: Shanghai Maru, with mail, due 2 p.m., Wayside Wharf.

From TIENTSIN: Shuntien, due 7.30 a.m., French Bund
Liangchow, due noon, B. & S. Pootung.

Due at Future Dates

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

EUROPE AND STRAITS

From GDYNIA		
Protesilaus	7/2	31/3
Bellerophon	7/3	28/4
From COPENHAGEN		
Java	30/12	19/3
Kina	1/2	29/3
From OSLO		
Titania	17/2	13/4
From HAMBURG		
Potsdam	18/2	28/3
Regensburg	11/3	14/4
Bellerophon	11/3	28/4
From BREMEN		
Neumark	24/1	20/3
Ramses	7/2	31/3
Kulmerland	21/2	12/4
Nordmark	7/3	22/4
From ROTTERDAM		
Shantung	15/2	27/3
Nordmark	16/3	22/4
Tamara	9/3	25/4
From ANTWERP		
Marburg	8/2	22/3
Glenbeg	21/1	24/3
Glenaffaric	4/2	1/4
Franken	24/2	15/4
Abbekerk	20/2	15/4
Glenapp	18/2	16/4
Denbighshire	4/3	29/4
From GLASGOW		
Ajax	28/1	21/3
Hector	11/2	31/3
Menestheus	25/2	13/4
Aeneas	11/3	1/5
From LIVERPOOL		
Philoctetes	11/2	27/3
Menestheus	4/3	13/4
Teiresias	25/2	14/4
Diomed	11/3	21/4
From LONDON		
Somali	4/2	20/3
Corfu	10/2	20/3
Suwa M.	17/2	28/3
Chitral	24/2	2/4
Terukuni M.	3/3	7/4
Carthage	10/3	16/4
Bangalore	4/3	17/4
From MARSEILLES		
Chenonceaux	17/2	21/3
Mar. Joffre	3/3	31/3

From GENOA		
Victoria	23/2	29/3
From TRIESTE		
Cortellazzo	23/1	18/3
C. Verdi	8/3	2/4
Arabia	20/2	20/4
From PORT SAID		
Kina	28/2	29/3
Titania	15/3	13/4
Abbekerk	14/3	15/4
Bangalore	15/3	17/4
From SUEZ		
Protesilaus	28/2	31/3
Glenaffaric	2/3	1/4
Terukuni M.	15/3	7/4
Kulmerland	16/3	12/4
Glenapp	16/3	16/4
From DJIBOUTI		
Mar. Joffre	11/3	31/3
From ADEN		
Chitral	12/3	2/4
C. Verde	15/3	2/4
From COLOMBO		
Potsdam	13/3	28/3
Suwa M.	14/3	28/3
Ramses	14/3	31/3
From PENANG		
Marburg	6/3	22/3
Hector	16/3	31/3
From SINGAPORE		
Corfu	10/3	20/3
Somali	10/3	20/3
Glenbeg	10/3	22/3
From SOERABAIA		
Tjisaroea	13/3	1/4
Tjisadane	17/3	1/4
From BATAVIA		
Tjisaroea	16/3	1/4
From MANILA		
Tai Ping Yang	14/3	18/3
Victoria	16/3	20/3
Ajax	11/3	21/3
From SAIGON		
Cortellazzo	11/3	18/3
From HONGKONG		
See "China Ports" below.		

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK		
Tai Ping Yang	30/1	18/3
Acadia	28/2	19/3
Eurybates	27/1	25/3
Anna Maersk	10/2	28/3
Cingal. Prince	11/2	29/3
Irisbank	7/2	2/4
C. Athens	18/2	19/4
Ivaran	25/2	19/4
Agapenor	27/2	21/4
Foylebank	6/3	23/4
Malay Prince	9/3	24/4
Niel Maersk	10/3	27/4
C. Pittsburg	16/3	13/5
From SAVANNAH		
Agapenor	5/3	21/4
Malay Prince	13/3	24/4
Niel Maersk	15/3	27/4
From PANAMA		
Ivaran	8/3	19/4
From SEATTLE		
Ixion	17/2	23/3
From VANCOUVER		
E. of Asia	4/3	20/3
From LOS ANGELES		
Eurybates	17/2	25/3
Kamakura M.	27/2	26/3
Anna Maersk	3/3	28/3
P. Coolidge	6/3	23/3

From LOS ANGELES		
Silverteak	4/3	7/4
Asama M.	14/3	12/4
From SAN FRANCISCO		
Cingal. Prince	2/3	29/3
Irisbank	3/3	2/4
From HONOLULU		
Kamakura M.	7/3	26/3
P. Coolidge	14/3	28/3
From HONGKONG		
See "China Ports" below.		
From OTARU		
Burdwan	7/3	19/3
From YOKOHAMA		
Memnon	10/3	17/3
Cyclops	10/3	17/3
E. of Asia	16/3	20/3
Hakone M.	12/3	20/3
Ixion	14/3	23/3
From KOBE		
Memnon	14/3	17/3
Cyclops	14/3	17/3
Acadia	16/3	19/3
Burdwan	16/3	19/3
Hakone M.	16/3	20/3
Burgenland	20/3	23/3
From NAGASAKI		
Nagasaki M.	17/3	18/3

AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

From CAPETOWN		
Boissevain	15/2	24/3
Tegelberg	15/3	22/4
From MOMBASA		
Boissevain	4/3	24/3
From MELBOURNE		
Nellore	4/3	10/4
From SYDNEY		
Nellore	15/3	10/4

CHINA PORTS

From DAIREN		
Tsingtao M.	15/3	17/3
Antenor	11/3	30/3
From TIENTSIN		
Chaksang	16/3	19/3
Kwaisang	15/3	20/3
Taisang	17/3	20/3
Soochow	17/3	22/3
Yochow	19/3	22/3
Esang	19/3	23/3
From HONGKONG		
Shantung	11/3	17/3
Mingsang	12/3	17/3
Kiungchow	13/3	17/3
Java	15/3	19/3
Taiyuan	14/3	19/3

From HONGKONG		
Tingsang	15/3	19/3
Neumark	15/3	20/3
Kwangtung	16/3	20/3
Somali	16/3	20/3
Yunnan	15/3	21/3
Chenonceaux	15/3	21/3
Tai Ping	19/3	21/3
Sinkiang	17/3	21/3
Taksang	19/3	23/3
Kingyuan	19/3	23/3
Glenbeg	16/3	24/3
Szechuen	21/3	25/3
Tsinan	22/3	26/3
From KEELUNG(Formosa)		
Tyosa M.	15/3	17/3

Passenger Lists

ARRIVALS

Per Yusang, March 15, from Tientsin and Ports: Mr. C. Robertson, Miss M. Remedios, Mr. F. Weiss.

DEPARTURES

Per Tsinan, March 16, for Hongkong: Sgt. J. McClelland, Mr. McMillan, Corpl. J. Bushell.

Vessels Leaving

NORTH CHINA COAST

CHENGTU Mar. 17. WEIHAIWEI, CHEOO and TIENTSIN.—From French Bund on Friday, March 17, at 7.30 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 16-3

KANCHOW Mar. 17. TSINGTAO, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN. — From French Bund on Friday, March 17, at 7.30 a.m. For freight apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 16-3

MINGSANG Mar. 18 CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Saturday, March 18, at 2 p.m. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 18-3

SHENGKING Mar. 18. WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—From French Bund on Saturday, March 18, at noon. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund) 18-3

LIANGCHOW Mar. 21. WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—From French Bund on Tuesday, March 21, at 11 a.m. For freight apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 21-3

TINGSANG Mar. 21. TSINGTAO, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Tuesday, March 21. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 21-3

TAKSANG Mar. 25. CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Saturday, March 25, at 5.30 a.m. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 24-3

Vessels Leaving

SOUTH CHINA COAST

YUSANG Mar. 17. SWATOW and HONGKONG.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Friday, March 17, at 7.30 a.m. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 16-3

HSIN PEKING Mar. 18. NINGPO.—From French Bund on Saturday, March 18, at 4.30 p.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 18-3

KIUNGCHOW Mar. 19. SWATOW, HONGKONG, KWONGCHOWWAN, PAKHOI and HAIPHONG.—From French Bund on Sunday, March 19, at 9.30 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 19-3

SHANTUNG Mar. 19. AMOY, CHUANCHOW and HONGKONG.—From French Bund on Sunday, March 19, at 9.30 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 19-3

CHAKSANG Mar. 21. SWATOW and HONGKONG.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Tuesday, March 21. "A" & "B" Saloon Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 21-3

TAIYUAN Mar. 21. SWATOW and HONGKONG.—From French Bund on Tuesday, March 21, at 11 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 21-3

KWANGTUNG Mar. 22. AMOY and HONGKONG.—From French Bund on Wednesday, March 22, at 11.30 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 22-3

TAISANG Mar. 23. SWATOW, HONGKONG and HAIPHONG.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Thursday, March 23, at noon. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 23-3

ESANG Mar. 26. SWATOW, HONGKONG and HAIPHONG.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Sunday, March 26, at 6 a.m. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 25-3

JAPAN

TANTALUS Mar. 17. KOBE, OSAKA, YOKOHAMA and OTARU.—For freight and passage apply Agents, Butterfield & Swire, 21 French Bund. Tel. 82020. 17-3

CORFU Mar. 20. KOBE and YOKOHAMA.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, P. & O. S. N. Co., No. 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11428 20-3

AJAX Mar. 22. KOBE, YOKOHAMA and OTARU For freight and passage apply Agents, Butterfield & Swire, 21 French Bund. Tel 82020. 22-3

EURYBATES Mar. 26. OSAKA.—For freight and passage apply Agents, Butterfield & Swire, 21 French Bund. Tel. 82020. 26-3

STRAITS AND EUROPE

CYCLOPS Mar. 18. LIVERPOOL and BROMBOROUGH.—For freight apply Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, Agents, 21 French Bund. Tel. 82020. 18-3

MEMNON Mar. 18. MARSEILLES, LONDON, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and GLASGOW.—For freight and passage apply agents, Butterfield & Swire, 21 French Bund. Tel. 82020. 18-3

TALABOT Mar. 18. CASABLANCA, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and OSLO via HONGKONG, SINGAPORE and PORT SAID.—Motor vessel Talabot of the Wilhelmsen Lines will be despatched from Shanghai on or about March 18, for the above-mentioned ports. Through Bills of Lading issued for all Scandinavian and Baltic ports. For freight or passage please apply to Dodwell and Company, Ltd., 17 Canton Road. Tel. 11366. 18-3

BURDWAN Mar. 21. MARSEILLES, CASABLANCA, HAVRE, LONDON, HULL, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM and ANTWERP via HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, PORT SUDAN, SUEZ, PORT SAID and MALTA.—For Freight Apply to:—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11428. 21-3

VICTORIA Mar. 23. NAPLES and GENOA via HONGKONG, MANILA, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, BOMBAY and PORT SAID.—Lloyd Triestino, 26 The Bund. Tel. 16885. 23-3

BURGENLAND Mar. 24. GENOA, ROTTERDAM and HAMBURG via PORTS.—(Captain W. Schladebach), on or about March 24, 1939. For freight and passage, please apply to Hamburg-Amerika Linie, Filiale Shanghai, 20 Canton Road. Tel. 18709. 24-3

FORMOSA Mar. 25. ALGIERS, ORAN, CASABLANCA, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG, COPENHAGEN, OSLO and GOTHENBURG via HONGKONG.—The Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.'s m.s. Formosa will leave Shanghai on or about March 25, for the above mentioned ports. Through Bills of Lading to all Scandinavian and Baltic ports. Cargo for U.K. ports accepted on Optional Bs/L. For freight and passage please apply to The Ekman Foreign Agencies Ltd., Hamilton House, Foochow Road Entrance. Tel. 11330. 25-3

YANGTSE Mar. 26. ORAN, CASABLANCA, HAVRE, ANTWERP, DUNKIRK via ADEN and PORT SAID.—For particulars apply to Messageries Maritimes, 9 Quai de France. Tel. 82034. 26-3

CANTON Mar. 28. MARSEILLES, GIBRALTAR and LONDON via HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, COCHIN, ADEN, PORT SUDAN, SUEZ, PORT SAID and MALTA.—Last tender leaves Customs Jetty 10.30 a.m. Tuesday, March 28. Hand packages only accepted by the Tender. Heavy Baggage received into Lighter at Customs Jetty between 2 and 3 p.m. on Monday, March 27. Customs Permit required for any nailed cases. For Freight and Passage Apply to:—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11428. 28-3

POTSDAM Mar. 29. GENOA, SOUTHAMPTON, ROTTERDAM, BREMEN, HAMBURG via HONGKONG, MANILA, SINGAPORE, PENANG, BELAWAN, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.—For freight and passage apply to Melchers & Co., general agents, N.D.L., 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 29-3

CHENONCEAUX Mar. 31. MARSEILLES via HONGKONG SAIGON, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, DJIBOUTI, SUEZ and PORT SAID.—Messageries Maritimes, 9 French Bund. Tel. 82034. 31-3

MALAYA Apr. 1. (loading on Mar. 31.) FOR PORT SAID, JAFFA, HAIFA, BEYROUTH, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and COPENHAGEN via HONGKONG, SAIGON and SINGAPORE.—The East Asiatic Co.'s Motorship Malaya, Captain Chr. Nielsen, will be despatched from here on or about April 1, for the abovementioned ports. Cargo accepted on through Bills of Lading to all Continental, Baltic and Scandinavian ports. Optional Bills of Lading issued to U.K. Ports. For freight and passage apply to Agency of The East Asiatic Co., Ltd., 17 Canton Road. Tel. 15055. 1-4

AMERICA

HULDA MAERSK Mar. 16. LOS ANGELES and via PANAMA to NEW YORK, BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA, BALTIMORE, SAVANNAH and NORFOLK.—For Freight and Passage apply to Melchers & Co., Agents, Maersk Line, 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 16-3

KIYOKAWA MARU Mar. 19. NEW YORK, BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA and BALTIMORE via SAN FRANCISCO and LOS ANGELES.—For Freight please apply to Showa Shipping Co., Ltd., 130 Hankow Road. Tel. No. 18650 and 16118. 19-3

AUSTRALASIA

NANKIN Apr. 1. (From Hongkong) SYDNEY and MELBOURNE via PORTS.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, F. & A. S. S. Co., Ltd., No. 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11428. 1-4

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C	PHILOCTETES	Liverpool	Mar. 27	Mar. 28	Japan Ports
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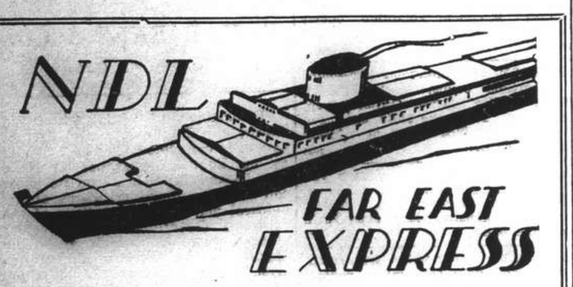

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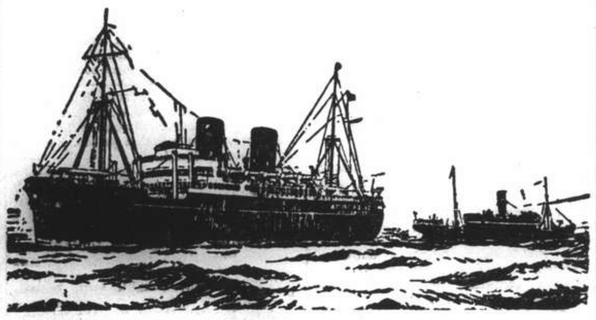

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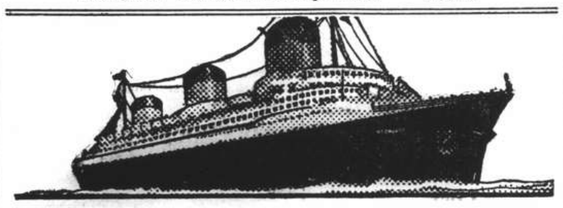

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Chust, The New Focal Point of European Developments

Significance of Europe's Youngest Capital: Visit to Carpatho-Ukraine Described

In view of the dramatic developments in Central Europe, this article by Mr. Wedgewood Benn, M.P., describing a visit to Chust, capital of Carpatho-Ukraine, is unusually timely.

It was a shrewd stroke when Berlin, as it is understood, decided that Ruthenia was to be rechristened Carpatho-Ukraine. It is true the State is not independent, it is a member of the federated Czecho-slovak Republic, yet it enjoys a wide measure of autonomy which at present is much assisted by the conditions of its communications.

As Ukrainia it feels itself to be the foundation of a Great Power to be formed from Galicia, Bukovina, Bessarabia, and, of course, when the U.S.S.R. breaks up, from those wide lands which form the home of the race. The Ukrainians claim to number at least 40,000,000 souls the world over.

The new capital, Chust, is placed near the eastern tip of the narrow strip which is now the Czechoslovak Republic, quite close to the Hungarian and not far from the Rumanian frontiers.

Chust is certainly a shy town, not easily to be approached. Judged from the map the easiest way was by railway from Lemberg, no great distance over the mountains, so to Lemberg I went. But the frontier was closed.

After Lemberg I tried Cracow. But there I could buy no ticket to Chust and, worse still, I could buy no Czech crowns, for I was told that, in view of a rumoured devaluation, the Bank of Poland had ceased to deal in them. I did, however, secure for 5s. a ticket over the frontier to Zilina, where I was advised to inquire again.

Nobody Knew How

But at Zilina it was dark and it was raining and nobody knew how to get to Chust. So I accepted the advice of a Hungarian fellow-traveller and went on to Budapest for another effort. In present conditions, therefore, Chust, the capital of one of the States of the Czechoslovak Republic, is best approached, not through its own territory, but from the capital of its old enemy, Hungary.

An excellent auto-rail runs eastward and in five hours takes you to Csap, and a local train goes farther to Beregszasz. I was told for certain that there I should find a 'bus for Chust. But there was no 'bus, so, after extracting from the police a special permit for my driver, I started in a car for the frontier. I must not, however, do Chust an injustice. There is a State 'bus connection with Slovakia; of that more later.

These border towns, which have recently been handed over, bear painful marks of a hurried change of allegiance. Walls and shopfronts are scarred where Czech trade and street names have been torn down and Hungarian names substituted.

The provisional frontier (for a Commission was still working in Budapest on the final line) consists of no more than two barriers, each of which is constructed of country wagons drawn half across the road to make a sort of gate. Here, with rifle, bayonet and field-glasses, a sentry keeps watch on the road and the open fields.

Mud of Country Town

Chust itself lies picturesquely under a hill surmounted by some old ruin. It is a simple country town, ankle-deep in mud, looking to me like Tirana or Angora of 12 years ago. But in Angora they were building fast for the future—here the new Government buildings were being constructed in wood. "Why wood?" I asked. "Wood is plentiful," they said, and added: "In Uzhorod, the old capital, we built in stone. Here, perhaps, wood is better."

Carpatho-Ukraine openly laments the loss in particular of Uzhorod and Muncacs, where the Czech Government before Munich had spent lavishly on public buildings and schools. When I presented my passport it was stamped "Entered at Uzhorod." Sadly the official took his pen, scratched out "Uzhorod" and wrote in "Chust." On the other hand, Hungary is not yet content, and every night the wireless was proclaiming, "We want back the whole lot."

There are two hotels at Chust, the Central and the Corona. The first is kept by a Jew; the second is under the control of SIZ, the Ukrainian S.A. In the first are to be found Czech officers, business men, Jews and the general public. It is what might be called old-fashioned and constitutional. Newspapers are plentiful, and I noticed with what eager anxiety the Jews would seize the "Volkische Beobachter" when a new edition arrived. Portraits of Father Volosin, the President, are everywhere, and that of Masaryk still hangs in the Central Hotel.

Premier's Simple Home

But the Corona is the pivot of Chust's active life, with its band, its journalists, and the grey-blue uniform of the SIZ. Here there is no Masaryk, and in the office of the commander hangs instead a picture of Col. Konovalets, the famous leader of the Ukrainian revolutionary movement. There are volleys of heel clicking at the Corona. "Heil!" with the upraised hand, is the universal salute.

Very different from the Nazi atmosphere is that of the home of Father Volosin, head of the State. Except that the design of the furniture is in the local peasant style the house might be a comfortable Methodist manse. In the dining-room hang portraits of the priest's mother and father alongside that of his deceased wife, for Father Volosin is of the United Church, which permits the marriage of priests. The appearance and garb of the President are also those of a Methodist minister, and his outlook is broad and kindly. He warmly repudiated any feeling of anti-Semitism; indeed, 85 per cent. of the economic life of Carpatho-Ukraine is in the hands of the Jews, who form 12 per cent. of the population. They are entirely loyal to the State.

Of the vision of a Great Ukraine Father Volosin spoke guardedly. There they were, a vast race looking for the realization of a dream which in 1918 took shape, if only for a few weeks. It was true that Hitler had been their friend. The ethnographical principle laid down at Munich was their charter, but they had no desire to be a tool of Germany. Why could not England, which had a common enemy in Bolshevism, befriend them?

Youth in Training

If the President was mild and philsophical, quite another spirit was to be found in the barracks of the SIZ. Here were classes of boys being trained in Ukrainian history and culture and the use of arms if and when they received any. Each form rose with noisy military precision as we entered. In the dormitory, a large barn with its sacks of straw covered by homespun blankets in lovely colours, the youths sang unaccompanied songs, at first staccato in the Nazi manner, but afterwards a much sweeter Ukrainian Christmas carol.

I was told that there are 12,000 under training in monthly batches, of whom 2,000 are in Chust. Some of the lads, a tough and upstanding lot, wore peasant costumes. They had been specially called in from the Eastern marches, so my guide informed me, to deal with eventualities, in case the Prague Government persisted in the appointment of a Czech general to the Chust Government. "He will never be tolerated," said my friend. "We will not be ruled by foreigners."

The loyalty of the SIZ to the new hoped-for State is keen. Stories of oppression in the Soviet Ukraine were vivid but not detailed. In fact, I found it almost impossible, despite many inquiries, from the Baltic to Rumania, to secure any exact information of what was happening beyond the Russian border. The hatreds of the SIZ, in rising scale, are Hungarians, Poles, and Bolsheviks, the last-named not only for their "Godless Communism" but on account of a long history of Russian oppression. Mazeppa was mentioned.

It was with regret that I took the road to Prague. Presov, the nearest railway station, is about 186 miles distant. Railway communications there are, of course, but the Poles and Hungarians keep them closed and they are replaced at present by a State 'bus service. In my 'bus we were very crowded, about 15 seated and eight standing.

After 25 miles over a bad surface the engine showed signs of strain, so we were all turned out on to the roadside and the 'bus vanished. Two or three at a time the passengers begged lifts from passing cars or lorries. I could not plead with the rest and was faced with the unpleasant prospect of being left alone, with no word of Russian, Slovak or Ukrainian to help me. However, after about two hours a Czech military wagon took the few of us who were left back to a little town.

An Interrupted Meal

The station-master to whom I appealed made no bones about it. Learning that I was English, he lifted his nose from the two saucepans containing his dinner of meat and potatoes; raised himself to his full height and told me with fierce vehemence and much gesticulation that I could stay there for ever, he would not lift a finger to help me. Of course, he was over-wrought. The railway lines he controlled were blocked by Poles and Hungarians and he could only run a small motor-train for short distances. His ordered life had become a chaos.

I wandered through the main street asking each one: "Do you speak German?" but for a long time I was unsuccessful in my quest. Beside that, there was a public attraction—the town drummer had assembled the people to hear the day's news. And then something like a miracle occurred. In response to an inquiry somebody told me there was a missionary in the town and added, "And there he is." And thus I met the Rev. Alexander Macgregor, of Renfrew, who was there to distribute relief to refugees.

Together we set out in a small car. The driver, eager to make good business, crowded in two more passengers, making five in all. A little farther on, unable to resist the temptation, he stopped to pick up a sixth and opened his off-door for this purpose. A passing State 'bus ripped off the door, the post, and half the side of the car. It was a fortunate occurrence, for it made the 'bus stop, and Mr. Macgregor, versed in the language, persuaded the driver to pick me up.

Thence we ploughed on towards Presov, in Slovakia. From time to time we got out in the darkness to lighten the 'bus over a soft piece of road, or to circumvent a bogged lorry. Fifteen hours after leaving Chust I arrived at Presov. My pleasure in an invigorating experience was, alas, destroyed, for a German-Slovak hurled at me, for the benefit of the other passengers, a long and bitter lecture on the iniquities of the Vienna award, for which he held the English to be responsible.

Oldest Soldier Says: "Peace"

Turning from his fireside dreams of campaigns that were written into history half a century ago, Britain's oldest soldier assured a "Sunday Referee" reporter recently that there will be no war.

"Neither this year nor next," he declared. "I'm not one of your great believers in Hitler or his invincible army."

The defiant voice was that of General Sir Bindon Blood, Chief Royal Engineer of the Corps of Royal Engineers.

In his ninety-seventh year Sir Bindon, white-haired, partially blind, and at last becoming frail after his long and adventurous career as a soldier, is now "confined to barracks" in his peaceful Cadogan-square home.

For him the major interest in life is still the Corps of Royal Engineers, of which he has been chief for the past three years. He is always consulted when promotions are to be made from among retiring officers.

Mr. W. H. Berry, the well-known stage comedian, may never return to the footlights. Devotion to his sick wife has caused him to make a decision that means a great sacrifice. Mr. and Mrs. Berry have been married for more han forty years, but four years ago Mrs. Berry became ill and has been ill ever since, and Mr. Berry has given up the stage until she recovers in order to spend as much time as possible in his wife's company. It may be that he will never return to the stage, though he has been heard on the wireless recently.

Tokyo Press Notes German Success

Drive Eastward Takes Another Step Forward In Czech Dissolution

Tokyo, Mar. 15.

The fresh upheaval in Czechoslovakia is given prominence by newspapers here this morning. The press agrees, however, that no serious sequel will follow the new flare up, but instead, questions whether the autonomy of Slovakia will be settled amicably between Berlin and Prague.

The newspapers also believe that the autonomy of Slovakia will give Germany another strong stepping stone in her eastern penetration, whose immediate objective is Ukraine.

Ascribing the serial dismemberment of Czechoslovakia to the fact that it is founded with different races, cramped in a limited territory, the "Yomiuri Shimbun" predicts that a successful autonomy movement in Slovakia will certainly stimulate Ruthenia to follow suit, with the result that Czechoslovakia will be completely dismembered.

"Drang Nach Osten" Develops

It is hardly necessary to mention that the German advance in Slovakia and Ruthenia means another powerful progress in her eastern drive, which menace will be most keenly felt by the Soviet Union, Poland and Rumania, the paper adds.

The "Yomiuri Shimbun" believes that should the autonomy movement gain strength in Ukraine, as a sequel to Germany's eastern penetration, the Ukrainian minorities in Poland and Rumania will certainly join hands with the Ukrainian race in the Soviet Union.

Consequently, the paper adds, the Ukrainian question affects not only the Soviet Union, but also Poland and Rumania.

The "Asahi Shimbun" does not believe that the Slovakia question will be fraught with as great as danger as in September of last year when Europe was in fear of another outbreak of a world war, but that the present upheaval will be settled through negotiation between Berlin and Prague.

Like the "Yomiuri Shimbun," the "Asahi" believes that Germany's assistance to the autonomy movement in Slovakia has been designed to facilitate her eastern push, namely, a future drive on Ukraine.

Stalin Makes Mistake

Stalin seriously misgauged the situation when on March 10, he declared before the All-Soviet Communist Congress in Moscow that Germany had changed her drive from the east to the west, to demand the return of her old colonies, the "Asahi" declares.

The "Japan Advertiser," American owned and managed newspaper, laments that what is most tragic about the continued dismemberment of Czechoslovakia is that no effort, or even pretence, is made any longer to protect the integrity of Czechoslovakia.

Czechoslovakia, which has been gradually dismembered in the past six months since the Munich Conference, seems now likely to lose its integrity altogether if Herr Hitler has his way in the present dispute over Slovakia—and there seems to be no one prepared to prevent Herr Hitler from having it, the "Japan Advertiser" declares.—Reuter.

Canton Commences Big Health Drive

All Doctors Must Register; Shipping Inspected

Canton, Mar. 15.

The Civil Affairs Department of the local government has issued a notification requesting all physicians and surgeons, both foreign and Chinese, to register before starting to practice in Canton. Permits, it is said, will be issued to all those complying with the order.

In order to safeguard the health of the population, the authorities have begun inspection of all incoming steamers and junks, which are asked to declare all cases of infectious diseases on board.

The Japanese themselves are taking the strictest precautions in respect of their own troops. It is said that all time-expired men must undergo a medical examination before being allowed to leave for home.

Preparations are said to be complete for the opening of butcher shops and cattle slaughter houses by the City Government in order to ensure the sale of wholesome meat.—Reuter.

More Funds Asked From Japanese

Another Supplementary Budget Bill Drafted

Tokyo, Mar. 15.

Supplementary budget bill No. 2 in the ordinary accounts for the fiscal year 1939-1940, amounting to Y.199,332,000, was referred to the Cabinet today for approval. The bill will immediately go to the House of Representives.

With the presentation of this supplementary bill to the Diet, the total amount of the Japanese budget for 1939-1940, including the extraordinary military budget to finance the China conflict amounting to Y.4,605,000,000 was fixed at Y.9,409,543,000. Ordinary accounts amounted to Y.4,804,543,000.

Detailed figures were listed as follows: Ordinary accounts basic budget, Y3,694,666,000; supplementary budget No. 1 in the ordinary accounts, Y.910,543,000; supplementary budget No. 2 in ordinary accounts, Y.199,332,000; extraordinary military budget, Y.4,605,000,000—Domei.

Chungking-Hanoi Air Line Inaugurated

Chungking, Mar. 15.

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